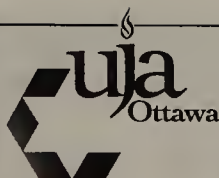


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Renewal, resurgence, regrowth

Congregation Beth Shalom seeks a new direction

By Alyce Baker

Congregation Beth Shalom came into being on July 5, 1956 as a result of the amalgamation of Congregations Adath Jeshurun and Agudath Achim. The dedication service took place on September 17, 1957. In 1971 the B'nai Jacob Congregation merged with Beth Shalom Congregation.

With the advent of the Capital Campaign, Beth Shalom's future has come into question. Many options and obstacles face this venerable congregation. To answer some of the community's questions the *Bulletin* met with synagogue president Ian Sadinsky. The following is an excerpt of the interview.

Q. Beth Shalom has had to make some major decisions these past two years vis a vis its future, its location and its relationship with the JCC and the Vaad. Can you fill us in on the situation as it stands?

A. Since the Vaad indicated its intentions to vacate 151 Chapel we've had semi-regular discussions with the Capital Development Committee about our future. There are two different proposals which have been put to us. One in the event that we should stay at 151 Chapel Street and one in the event that we were to vacate Chapel Street. The reason that Beth Shalom would be given consideration is because we are in fact the people, along with the community, who built the community centre in the first place. It's a very complicated lease that was developed between the communi-

ty and Beth Shalom, that gives us tenancy for 99 years and we probably still have 63 years left. The community is negotiating with us because as a part of that lease, in the event the JCC was to vacate, we are to be supplied with an equivalent facility or some other form of compensation. Why these discussions are so protracted is because we are negotiating what an equivalent facility might be.

It is a very difficult task when you face a congregation with the fact that the main tenant is leaving. Historically, Beth Shalom is the amalgamation of three congregations; Rideau Street Shul, King Edward Street Shul and the synagogue on James Street. Because of that we have people with different backgrounds and expectations.

Add to that the children who have always gone to Beth Shalom and the newcomers to the city, you realize that you have people with different views on what a congregation should be. You also have people living in the area, people moving back to the area such as myself and people coming from different parts of the city. And each has different views on where we should go and what we should be.

At different meetings we've had unanimous decisions to stay, and unanimous decisions to go. What's missing in all of this is financial data. What we're doing right now is developing some very real numbers around three options. One is staying at 151



Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street

Chapel Street in a smaller building. We would level the south end of the building where the Vaad offices are currently located. The area would be paved over for a parking lot and the shul would operate on one or 1 1/2 levels.

The second option would be a merger with our sister congregation, Beth Shalom West on Chartwell Avenue. There have been some discussions and some costings done. There are still a lot of questions including how many of our existing members here would support a move to the west-end. Therefore, the people who favor

that option also throw in the proposition of refurbishing the Chapel at 375 King Edward Street. The Chevra Kadisha will be vacating that facility in July. Some of our members are keen on that option, others not. One problem is that the Chapel is not amenable to a major simcha as it does not have a social hall.

The third option is what has been termed the Centrecorps option, which would be a new synagogue in a mile radius of our current location. This would be a smaller version of our current congregation.

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Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut at the Shuk on May 11

By Estelle Melzer

The JCC invites the Ottawa Jewish community to come together on Sunday evening, May 11 to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 49th Anniversary of Independence. An Israeli shuk (marketplace) will be set up at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, with an exciting program of Israeli activities for all ages. Admission to all events is free to encourage everyone in the community to participate.

The evening will begin outdoors at 5:00 pm with a solemn Yom Ha'Zikaron memorial service honoring Israel's fallen soldiers.

Then flagbearers will lead the crowd to the 'Shuk Ha'Carmel' food court and marketplace for two popular Israeli activities, shopping and

eating. Adults can stroll down Dizengoff Street, browse through tables of Judaica, fruit and flowers, jewellery, clothing, Israeli beauty products, crafts and more. They can explore special exhibits on Israel and the 100th anniversary of Zionism as well as information booths set up by various organizations.

Children will enjoy a myriad of activities in the 'Gan Yeladim'. They can make unique Mother's Day gifts in the 'Little Jaffa' artists' quarters. These include dried flower jewellery, sand art, paper mosaics and colored millefiori beadwork.

They can decipher ancient Hebrew scripts at an archeological booth, explore the land of Israel through map-making, make their very

own Israeli flags, or plant a tree in 'Canada Forest.'

Everyone is encouraged to leave a message at the 'Western Wall' or visit the 'Kibbutz Daphna' petting zoo.

At 6:30 pm adults can attend a one-woman play entitled *Golda* at the 'Habima Theatre'. At the same time, a juggling show will entertain younger children.

Then at 7:30 pm, Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivities go into high gear. Everyone is invited to gather in 'Dizengoff Square' for a short performance by students from Hillel Academy followed by community Israeli dancing.

Let's all meet at the Shuk to celebrate Israel's 49th birthday together!



COMMENTARY

Standing up for the State of Israel



VAAD REPORT

LAWRENCE GREENBERG
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

Israel once again finds herself facing strong criticism in the media and in the international arena. The peace process is faltering and much of the public blame is being placed on Israel's prime minister and his government's policies.

Whether members of the Jewish community are on the right or the left of the political spectrum, it is imperative that we remain supportive of the State of Israel. Moreover, it is our responsibility to defend Israel when it is criticized unfairly by the media.

Stephen Victor, chair of the Canada Israel Committee and Robert Ritter, the executive director, both members of our community, are responsible for representing Canadian Jewry's position on Israel to the government. But it is left up to individual members of the Jewish community to publicly defend Israel and stand up for a just peace in the Middle East. With that in mind, I believe that most members of the community would agree with the following.

It is extremely important that there be an unequivocal disavowal of the use of violence as a means to rectifying outstanding political disputes. All reasonable people agree that violence is not an appropriate response to political disagreements. Indeed, all parties must work to educate their people about peace and the peaceful resolution of conflict. No appeal to violence as a legitimate recourse should be encouraged or tolerated.

Efforts by outside parties are appreciated, but attempts to predetermine the outcome of negotiations and to impose expectations upon the parties are counter-productive to the peace process. The Oslo Accords taught us that open negotiations without preconceived solutions can lead to creative and effective resolutions to conflict. While political disputes are bound to arise, the Oslo Accords provide a framework for resolving disputes and all parties should commit to working out their differences through direct bilateral negotiations.

We must also counter the critics of Israel and remind them that it is the fundamental duty of any government to maintain the security of its citizens. No government should be expected to make concessions when the lives of its citizens are endangered. Furthermore, it is unrealistic to expect anyone to yield tangible assets without the assurance that a quid-pro-quo will result.

One lesson that has been learned time and time again in the Israel/Palestinian conflict has been that violence and terrorism are not acceptable responses. In fact, they always serve to hurt the cause of peace. The Israelis and Palestinians have come so far toward peace in the last few years that it would be a shame if there was a return to armed conflict.

It was difficult for Israelis and the Jewish community around the world to accept that the PLO and Yasser Arafat could be partners in peace. Our hesitation grew from a lack of trust and the doubt that they would give up their aspiration of one day destroying Israel. Many Jews remain unconvinced that the PLO is committed to peace and no longer tacitly encourages or condones violence.

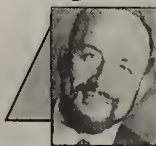
The Palestinian people should remember that the peace process has brought them far greater gains than all their years of violence and terrorism and that it is in their best interest to see the fledgling peace in the Middle East blossom into a lasting peace.

Happy birthday, Israel!

During the early days of the State of Israel, the Chief Rabbinate formulated a prayer for the welfare of the country, which described her as the "beginning of the growth and development of our redemption". That is a lot of responsibility to place on any government, institution or nation, especially when the words used are so redolent of the ideas of Jewish history. In many Diaspora congregations, this petition to the Almighty is said in a variety of forms, suggesting that Jews around the world as well as in Israel believe in this idea.

For the past 49 years, we have viewed Israel in a variety of ways. We worried and tried to help with the ingathering of Jews from many countries. For so many of our brothers and sisters the new state provided and continues to provide a physical "redemption" or at least safety. We agonized as Israel developed its army and fought its wars to insure that its citizens would live in security. We have been concerned for Israel's economic welfare since the end of the Second World War. Thankfully, the problems are being overcome and the financial picture is improving. The State of Israel is a success story and its accomplishments are textbook cases, for the most part, of doing things properly.

Yet a reading of the Israeli press often presents concerns, well understood by Canadians. There are worries about culture, the influence of foreign media, the Anglicization of the language, the loss of traditional values and the continuing tensions between various elements of the community, both ethnic and religious. The state is struggling with these difficulties and Canadians know the inherent fears. All of the magnificent achievements, some might call them miracles, will continue to increase when these troubles are resolved. Many have suggested that the internal strength of the nation will be deter-



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI ARNOLD FINK
AGUATH ISRAEL

mined by how well all elements are integrated into the society while continuing their own development.

Judaism, the religion, the Hebrew language, Jewish tradition, with all of its rich diversity, the proud Jewish cultures from so many Diasporas and the lessons which they teach add to the strength of the State of Israel and evoke a pride that is part of all of us. We are now seeing the development of what will soon be the world's largest Jewish community. Its influence on each of us will be even more profound than it is today and rightfully so.

We have viewed Israel for nearly five decades as our cultural and religious centre. We have learned a great deal about the problems and the promise of a uniquely varied Jewish society, its potential and its difficulties. It has united most of us and has been the focus of our caring and giving. Now, more than ever, we must be partners in creating "our redemption".

We are all related either by blood or by faith. We share so much that is unique only to Jews and we have dreamed the same dreams for centuries. As Israel enters its jubilee year, we not only salute her, pray for her welfare, but also declare our bonds with her, attesting to the belief that she is "the beginning of the growth and development of our redemption".

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THE VANISHING DIASPORA

Will European Jewry survive the next millennium?

By Tibor Krausz

The Jews have been awaiting deliverance from the exile for 2,000 years. And for those in Europe it now may well be in sight - not in a heavenly cue but an alarming fact.

European Jewry, once the Diaspora's spiritual and cultural lifeblood, lies anemic and in desperate need of life support with a diagnosis that doesn't project its survival deep into the next millennium. At best, European Jews will continue to fade away gradually; at worst, they will dissolve into demographic oblivion in a few generations. "Since WWII Jewish life has been in an accelerating spiral of decline all over Europe - demographically, socially and culturally," asserts British historian Bernard Wasserstein, author of *Vanishing Diaspora: the Jews in Europe Since 1945*.

Wasserstein, president of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, is an impassioned apologist for Europe's Diaspora, but his pessimism filters through his scholarly detachment. He spoke at Agudath Israel Synagogue on April 13. "Jews in Europe are in an advanced stage of terminal decline," Wasserstein began, then recited the reasons why.

Of Europe's 9.7 million Jews in 1939, 3.9 million survived the war. Assimilation, emigration and low fertility halved this number again to today's 1.7 million. Beyond destroying a unique civilization, the Holocaust rendered the idea of survival paramount. Healthy in small doses, Wasserstein says, this attitude perches on "a necrophiliac obsession" and deprives Europe's Jewry of a clear sense of communal purpose. "A focus on the Holocaust as a primary means of Jewish identification is greatly disturbing," he explained. "Death is a poisonous influence, not a life-giving force."

But the Holocaust isn't alone to blame for the demographic downside. The greatest danger now, Wasserstein argues, to Jewish existence in Europe is, of all things, emancipation. Social mobility, urbanization, earlier use of birth control, out-marriage - damaging singly, devastating together.

Heavily represented in the social elite, two-thirds of employed British Jews hold professional or managerial jobs. In France 42% earn more than triple the national average. And often, affluence spells assimilation. Jews flock to the richest areas, abandoning Jewish districts. (Over half of Western European Jews now live in and around Paris and London.) And half-million-strong French Jewry, the most numerous in the West, is the least likely to identify with their fellows. Whereas 70% of British Jews

are affiliated with a synagogue, only 40% of their French cousins can claim the same.

The traditional Jewish family is also on the wane, Wasserstein says. Jews marry later, a third to a half of them out, and produce fewer offspring. Just a century ago the Jews were among the most fertile people on earth; now, the ultra-Orthodox aside, they have a fertility rate about half the national average in most European societies. Prosperity, overall demographic trends, a changing lifestyle and female emancipation all chip away at the population.

For many it's now swim or sink, asserts Wasserstein. Adrift in their heritage and awash with secularism, young Jews may find themselves wanting to grab at any sliver of Judaism that drifts their way in order to stay ethnically afloat. But "wanting" is the operative word, says Wasserstein. Why be Jewish challenges many in liberal societies, where Jewishness is often viewed as a choice. The vast majority of European Jews subscribe to non-orthodox forms of Judaism, or none at all. A religion of conservative progress, Judaism has always been not an ancient parchment with its text frozen in amber (except in rigid ultra-orthodoxy) but a palimpsest on which the old message is clearly visible but constantly being scribed over with newer layers of ink. Yet just how much ink is there by now should be cause for grave concern, says Wasserstein. Ever-slackening religious observance can hijack the essence of Judaism: tradition. Breaks with traditional forms of Jewish identification, says Wasserstein, "generally reflect weak interest in a continuing Jewish identity."

The result is a defeat of Chanukkah candles to Christmas trees in many households. For countless non-observant families, tradition becomes manifest only in circumcision and burial rituals. "European Jews have been particularly affected by the wave of secularisation," said Wasserstein. "Religious observance as the core of Jewish being seems to have less and less meaning for most Jews in Europe." Efforts at more orthodoxy - such as banning Bat Mitzvahs and toughening conversion - if they attract some, further estrange many. Similarly,



Bernard Wasserstein

while the Brooklyn-based Lubavitcher sect has upped its European membership by 6% and traces of ghettoization are reappearing in London and Paris, buying into too much hope on orthodoxy may be a false economy of optimism, Wasserstein believes. "The ultra-Orthodox are a very tiny proportion of Europe's overall Jewish population. Even if one imagines a diametric increase in their number, it wouldn't affect the larger picture in the foreseeable future."

With religious observance have gone other forms of identification as well. For many, secular, ethnocentric solidarity has found an outlet not in communal life but in "cheque-book Zionism." Says Wasserstein: "Support

for Israel after 1967 became virtually a civil religion." As religious commitment ebbed, pro-Israeli activity, particularly fundraising, has surged, despite frequent criticisms of Israeli politics. Heads of fundraising organizations, not rabbis, became leaders in communities. Once beneficial, this attitude is now vastly counter-productive, Wasserstein believes. "While a source of great pride to Diaspora Jewry, Israel has in many ways weakened the Diaspora," he said. "It's siphoned off so much money and energy that little has been left for investment at home." And it's a two-way loss: "An Israel without its Jewish hinterland in the Diaspora would be a miserably stunted entity."

As with religion, so with culture. Jewish artists in Europe imprint their marks, as regards Jewish art, no longer in granite but quicksand, says Wasserstein. Although often resorting to Jewish themes, artists like English playwright Harold Pinter

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UJA Ottawa Walkathon only a month away!

As you read this, the 1997 Walkathon will be less than a month away. In this edition of the *Bulletin*, you will have received a walkathon sponsorship envelope. As well, just prior to Passover, sponsorship envelopes were provided to all the schools for distribution to the students. So some of you will have had a head start in collecting pledges for this year's event on June 1.

The UJA Ottawa Walkathon 1997 committee has been very busy planning the events which surround the walkathon. This year, there will be many fun activities for the whole family, including a soccer clinic, batting cages, a petting zoo, face painting, clowns and magician, music, volleyball, a bike clinic and the list goes on. The food tent will have something for everyone - hot dogs and hamburgers, vegetarian barbecue, pop and fruit juice and other snack foods. We are, of course, look-

ing for volunteers to help run the various events and to assist in cooking and serving the food. Please don't hesitate to give Tal Gilboa-Maoz a call (789-7306) if you want to volunteer your time.

Recently, as a result of a growing awareness in the community, a Kosher Food Bank has been established in conjunction with Jewish Family Services. At this year's walkathon, we are asking you to bring kosher packaged or canned non-perishable foods to drop off at the specially marked bins. The Food Bank is also looking for toiletries, soaps, detergents or paper products. These foods and other products will be distributed to needy families in the Ottawa Jewish community.

The UJA Ottawa Walkathon 1997 will truly be a special event. We encourage you and your family to participate in a great day while also helping to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal.

JET sponsors West End Shabbaton

Jewish Education through Torah (JET) will be holding a mini-Shabbaton May 9-10 at Congregation Beth Shalom West.

Participants will be welcomed to the regular Shabbat services, followed by a Shabbat luncheon. Immediately after the luncheon, Rabbi Zisha Shaps will conduct the first session. The topic will be "Loving G-d - Loving Your Neighbour,

Can one exist without the other?"

After an afternoon break, participants will reconvene for an Oneg Shabbat. There will be a second session led by Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, who will speak about "Insights into the Parsha".

Accommodations can be arranged for those interested in attending

from outside the area. The cost for the Shabbaton is \$18.00 per adult for JET members and \$25.00 for non-members. Children are admitted free. For more information or to register, call (726-9125 or 521-4437).

Mazal Tov!



It's a girl!

Loves: Ron and Cathy (Judd) welcome with love their daughter, Robin Hana, born in Rochester, New York, Friday, April 11, 1997. Thrilled grandparents are Irs and Frank Loves and Jean and Don Judd and great-grandmother Helen Varhaftig.

Engaged!

Marcy and Tony Manne are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Samantha to Dion, son of Pearl Berzansky and the late David Berzansky of California. A June '97 wedding is planned in Montreal. The couple will reside in Israel while Dion completes his rabbinical studies.



Rabbi Menachem Blum assists the children in preparing matza.

Children participate at Model Matza Bakery

About 1,000 children got a hands-on lesson on Passover at the Model Matza Bakery which visited Ottawa Jewish schools this year.

"The Matza Bakery is an exciting program that brings the holiday of Pesach alive for the children as they wear bakers' hats and use rolling pins," says Rabbi Menachem Blum, who brought this program to Ottawa.

The Model Matza Bakery gave the children the opportunity to make their own crisp round matza by hand as did our ancestors almost 3,300 years ago. The flour and water are kept in two separate rooms until the time when they are joined to prepare the dough. The children knead the dough, rolled the matza and baked

it. From mixing the flour and water until the final baking of the matza, the whole process took only 18 minutes so it would not be considered *chametz* - leavened.

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Community Capital Campaign

Jacob Gorfinkel earmarks gift for new Hillel Lodge

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

On May 1, former Torontonians Jacob Gorfinkel celebrated his 95th birthday at Rideau Place, a beautifully-appointed seniors' residence located on Wilbrod St. in Ottawa.

"It is very nice here at Rideau Place," says Gorfinkel, who moved to Ottawa 11 years ago to be closer to his son, Earl. "Everything about it is very nice but," he adds wistfully, "it's lacking in Jewish 'tam'."

Gorfinkel recently donated \$25,000 by way of a single payment to the Ottawa Jewish Community Capital Campaign, earmarking his gift to furnish a room which will bear his name in perpetuity in the new Hillel Lodge.

"Having a 91-room Jewish seniors facility rather than the current 40-room facility will have a positive effect on the Ottawa Jewish community," Gorfinkel says.

"This community should be proud to have such good leadership who, with tremendous determination, made it possible to reach their goal in the Capital Campaign," he says.

Polish-born Gorfinkel is a man who knows a worthy cause when he sees one; he has spent a lifetime aligning himself with worthy causes. When, years ago business reversals caused him to get a

job as an assembly line worker at the Massey Ferguson plant in Toronto, he sprang into action.

"That was in the early days of the union," he says. "And it was I who went to the workers to wheedle the one dollar a month union dues from each of them."

Collecting that one dollar commitment wasn't an easy task in those days, says Gorfinkel, who eventually became a union steward. However, his determination and commitment were rewarded by his fellow workers who elected him head of the Association of Retired Workers on retiring from 25 years with the company.

In 1973 Gorfinkel surfaced as one of the prime organizers and leaders of the Gray Power March. Soon afterward he was appointed to the Ontario Advisory Council on Aging, which resulted in the securing of medical benefits for senior citizens under the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan.

Little, if any, grass has grown beneath Gorfinkel's feet since he adopted Ottawa as home base. Although physically slowed down because of his advanced years, Gorfinkel accurately describes himself as "having all my marbles", and he has put those marbles to impressive use.

Four years ago he discovered he had latent artistic talent and today several of

his attractive paintings adorn the walls of his room. His most recent effort holds a place of honor on his self-made easel.

"I never held a pencil in my life," he says in wonderment as he gazes around at the remarkable works he has created.

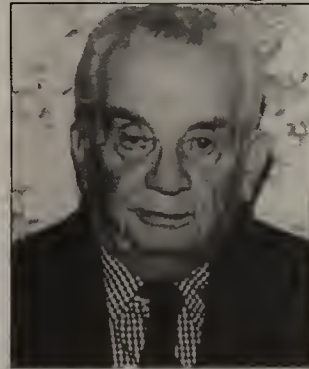
The indomitable Gorfinkel is also computer-literate and in his golden years, developed a pleasant singing voice, where, he marvels, none existed before.

He believes that it is not only vital to give the elderly the things they want, but also the things they need. He has frequently made time to read to Hillel Lodge residents and also wrote, directed and starred in several plays which he has presented for their enjoyment.

"You know," says the man with 95 years of living under his belt, "there's no use for the elderly to lie in bed waiting for 'it' - 'it' will come anyway. By helping others you will live longer."

The transplanted Torontonian has a final message for the Ottawa community.

"Those people who have not yet had an opportunity to donate to the Capital Campaign can and should still do it," Gorfinkel urges. "Because every dollar given to Hillel Lodge is a donation for the future of a place of safety and quality for the Jewish elderly."



Jacob Gorfinkel



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OHW Negev Chapter Tea on June 8

By Deanna Silverman

Circle Sunday, June 8 on your calendar and treat yourself to good food, good company and a wonderful time with the women of Negev Chapter, Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO. High tea in grand style will be the order of the day at their Seventh Annual President's Tea, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the home of chapter president, Marsha Maslove, 1475 Portal Street.

Convenors Sandy Bennett, Rita Chernick, Liane

Freedman and Sharon Peebles report that this year's featured artist is Sylvia Garay whose work is displayed in galleries across Canada. Known for the texture and vibrancy of her watercolor paintings, Garay has generously donated a work in soft pastel colors titled *Contemplation*.

All donors to the tea will have a chance to win this marvellous grand prize as well as several other door prizes. Everyone attending the tea will also have a chance to shop for unique



Negev Tea grand prize

gifts handcrafted by some of the chapter's talented artisans.

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women of Negev Chapter help women and children in Israel. You are most cordially invited.

Sol Littman to address Ottawa Post veterans at annual dinner

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, will speak at the Annual Dinner of the Ottawa Post Jewish War Veterans of Canada. The event will take place on Monday, May 26 at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, starting at 6:00 pm.

Littman describes himself as a sociologist turned journalist. Born in Toronto, he studied at the University of Toronto and the State Colleges of Washington and Wisconsin. For 13 years he did research on anti-Semitism and radical right groups for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith. He has held important posts with the *Canadian Jewish News*, the *Toronto Star* and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

For further details, contact adjutant Sam Ages (728-5701).

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO: Fundraising supports medical innovation

By Vivian Astroff

In the delivery room after a birth, the focus is on the baby's general well being. The child's umbilical cord, while a crucial part of its life support system in the womb, is usually discarded as waste with the placenta after the baby is born.

Now, thanks to an exciting development in medical science, this simple rope of three blood vessels that served as the unborn baby's lifeline, is being recycled into a life-saving source of blood for peo-

ple with serious inherited disorders for which there is now no cure.

The Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Kerem, Israel, and a growing number of centres around the world have established human umbilical cord blood banks to preserve this special blood. Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO council president Paula Silver says that a portion of the funds Hadassah-WIZO raises in the Ottawa community will be earmarked for this ground-

breaking project at the Hadassah hospital.

Dr. Arnon Nagler, senior physician in Hadassah's bone marrow transplantation department, explains that using cord blood in bone marrow transplants has many advantages. "It is extremely rich in hematopoietic cells, the cells from which blood is made. These cells grow into red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets and so regenerate the entire bone marrow.

"As well, they reproduce rapidly and have far fewer immune complications than transplants from even a closely matched donor. Still, the cord blood extraction procedure is very costly and medical scientists have yet to fully master the complexities of transplantation technology.

"Once the technology is sorted out, we believe that these cells will be used as a routine optional cure for many kinds of now-incurable disease," Nagler predicts.



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Machzikei Hadas presents Talent 757

Talent 757, an art and music show produced by Machzikei Hadas Congregation, will be held at the shul, 2310 Virginia Drive, on Sunday, June 1, from 12 noon to 7:00 pm. The show will feature artists, artisans, photographers, sculptors, poets, musicians and singers.



Pat Binder, chair of Talent 757

This year's participants include Sharon Brodo-Smith, Ruth Miller, Lila Robbins, Lily Tobin, Lynn Bloom, Pierre Zador, Elena Keen, Elie Benzaquen, Dora Litwack, Joe Murray, Teena Tarantour Goldberg, Joan

Bloom, Stacey Cohen, Roz Tabachnick, Shirley Birnboim, Zvi Gross, Paul Shapiro, Ahuva Kriger, Esther Schvan, Art Lazear, Lina Yachnin, Sam Lewinshtein, Carol Steinberg, Shirley Sheinfeld, Lila Klaiman, Sandra Marchello, Michael Levitan, Eric Wilner, the Akiva High School Band and Gabrielle Lazarovitz.

Admission, including refreshments, is \$5.00 for adults; children under 12 are free. For further information, call Pat Binder (736-9880).

Jewish Historical Society features Ottawa artists

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society invites the community to a presentation of the art works of local Jewish artists Morton Baslaw, Sonia Tarantour Pearl, Teena Tarantour Goldberg, Ann Lazear and Deborah Mirsky Cosman on May 28, at 7:30 pm. The event will be held at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue.

A graduate of the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, Morton Baslaw is a nationally recognized landscape painter in watercolor.

Sonia Tarantour Pearl works in mixed media, watercolor and fabric. Her interpretations of landscape focus on experimentation, process and transition.

Teena Tarantour Goldberg, whose favorite material is bronze, has received numerous commissions and is in many public and private collections.

Ann Lazear is a sister of Sonia and Teena, making this a most artistic family. She paints portraits, still-life and landscapes, her favorite medium being oils.

A past president of the Ottawa Watercolor Society, Deborah Mirsky Cosman has always had an interest in art and began her studies in drawing and painting with Robert Hyndman at the JCC.

You will enjoy a wonderful evening with these talented artists, who will give individual showings and explanations of their works.



The Women's Division State of Israel Bonds presented its Golda Meir Award to Sunny Tavel at a tribute dinner recently held in her honor. Almost 200 people attended the dinner held under the distinguished patronage of Adina Sultan, wife of Israel's ambassador to Canada, David Sultan. Sunny was honored for her exemplary service to the Ottawa Jewish community, the Canadian Jewish community and Israel.

Pictured (from left to right): Naomi Lipsky Cracower, committee member; Sunny Tavel, honoree; Ellen Fathi, chair, Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds; and Alyce Baker, dinner chair.

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Nothing to Be Written Here showing at National Library

During the Second World War, Canada interned German-speaking Jewish refugees and Nazi prisoners of war in prison camps - sometimes uncomfortably together.

When Wendy Oberlander discovered that her Jewish-Austrian father had been among them, she embarked upon a three-year quest to uncover his story. The result, *Nothing to Be Written Here*, is a video that explores her father's experience as an internee in a New Brunswick camp. The film is both a historical journey into Canada's wartime past and a personal passage to the dark days of her father's early life here.

It was the first prize winner in the Judah L. Magnes Museum Video Competition for Holocaust biography in 1996.

The video will be shown in the auditori-

um of the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street at 7:30 pm on May 13 as the inaugural cultural event of the Council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection. The Lowy Collection includes more than 4,000 rare Hebraica and Judaica books donated to the National Library by Montreal collector Jacob M. Lowy in 1977.

Guests will include Wendy Oberlander and Dr. Helmut Kallmann, a former camp internee and the retired director of the National Library's Music Division. They will talk about the camp and answer audience questions.

Admission is a minimum of \$5.00. All proceeds will support the Jacob M. Lowy Collection. Refreshments will follow the screening and question period.



Internees at Camp B. Ripples, New Brunswick, ca. 1941

(Photo: Acadia Forest Experiment Station)

New Jewish day school launched in Ottawa

By Golda Feig Steinman

Last month, a dream began its transformation into reality. An information meeting to introduce a new Jewish elementary day school, Torah Academy of Ottawa, was attended by upwards of 50 parents, all united in the common goal of providing their children with excellence in both secular and Judaic education, in a nurturing environment that respects Torah values.

Richard Gennis is chair of the nine-member board of directors. The secular program adviser is Allan Kathnelson, a seasoned and well-respected educational consultant with over 30 years of teaching and administrative experience with the public school system in Ontario. The secular curriculum is designed to meet and exceed the Ministry of Education standards. The focus of the program will be on the key areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Computer Literacy, Personal and Social Studies, French Language Arts and Physical Education.

Kathnelson addressed the issue of "split grade classes", a term used to define the situation where more than one grade of students are grouped together in a classroom. Kathnelson is very strong in his conviction

that a split grade class, taught by a well-trained and experienced teacher, is a successful pedagogical model. Added benefits to such a model are that instruction is based on the uniqueness of the students, allowing to a great extent for each child's individual needs and aptitudes.

Speaking to the Judaic curriculum was Rabbi Baruch Clinton, an educator and parent on the board of directors. He explained that the goal of Torah Academy is to produce children whose knowledge of Jewish text is integrated with the way they conduct themselves in their everyday lives. Program areas to be included in the curriculum are Tefilo, Dinim and Minhagin (Laws and Customs), Hebrew Language Arts, with an emphasis on the study of modern Hebrew language, Chumash, Navi (prophets) and Mishna and Gemara. In developing the Judaic Program, Torah Academy of Ottawa is drawing upon the expertise of Rabbi Schneur Weinberg, principal of the Eitz Chaim Schools in Toronto and a top consultant for Torah U'Mesorah.

The school has hired a principal, Rabbi Mordechai Fried, currently employed in Providence, Rhode Island, who will begin

his employment in early June. The rabbi has smicha from the Israel Torah Research Institute in Jerusalem and a masters in Education from Adelphi University. He has 13 years of experience as a teacher in Judaic Studies and, as an added perk, is a choir leader and the school performance conductor. As a result of his inclusive approach and exuberance for education, the rabbi has succeeded in taking children by the hand and leading them down a path of lifelong learning.

Gennis addressed the issues that had come up during the question period. Discipline is a priority of the school. A protocol

will be agreed upon by the board and staff and will be applied consistently to all students. A budget has been drawn up and fundraising issues have been addressed and delegated. Torah Academy of Ottawa sees itself as a community school and will participate in Jewish community events.

As the Jewish community of Ottawa grows, so does its Jewish educational needs. Out of this situation was born Torah Academy of Ottawa, a serious educational option for Jewish children in this city.

For information, contact Richard Gennis (725-2551) or Rebecca Stulberg (737-6876).

Annual multicultural concert

Jewish Family Services will be holding its annual multicultural concert on **May 29, 1997** at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue. This year we will be featuring the Israella Singers, Israeli folk dancing and many other entertainers. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with light refreshments to follow. We look forward to welcoming the entire community to a wonderful evening of entertainment.

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In 1971, Maine native, physicist Dr. Bruce Alpert was on a post-doctoral year at the Haila Technion with his wife, Beth, a speech therapist. The Alperets had met and married at university in Columbus, Ohio and arrived in Israel with one-month old Jesse. Inspired by a *Jerusalem Post* article about one Eddie Peretz who had been fired with the vision of a Negev covered with hot-house grown tomatoes, their year-long sabbatical grew into 26 years of farming in the desert.

In January 1973, the Alperets, including baby Sara, moved to Moshav Sde Nitzan, then graced by little more than concrete huts and a large water pipe. There was no individual running water, no electricity, no store, doctor, school nor kindergarten. They were joined by 10 hardy young families from the U.S., New Zealand and South Africa.

Infused with the dream of a winter tomato crop which would be fat enough "to permit us to go travelling in Europe all summer" the group assembled two hothouses imported from Holland and set about preparing the land for planting.

The young idealists soon discovered that agricultural work is "damn hard and not particularly profitable." Undeterred, they gritted their teeth, worked, slept and made more babies. Eventually their collective screaming and hollering convinced the authorities to put up 200-litre water tanks on individual family roofs.

After five years of 'tomato politics' — endless arguments about marketing, correct growing conditions, different tomato strains, and wildly fluctuating prices — the moshav switched to growing flowers.

These days, several thousand roses are picked each morning, carefully packed (no bent stems!) and refrigerated, then placed in refrigerated trucks for the two-hour drive to Ben-Gurion Airport. From there the crop is flown in refrigerated containers to Holland, Europe's largest wholesale flower market. Only 24-48 hours after picking, a smiling customer is arranging beautiful Sde Nitzan roses in a vase.

"We send out 10,000 flowers a day and a million flowers over the year," Bruce Alpert says. "And next year we'll be moving into the new Action Plan: Negev hothouse park at Sde Nitzan."

"Action Plan: Negev will provide group supplies and greatly improved means of production since our current glass houses are 25 years old," the physicist-turned-farmer explains. "The park will also allow for different growing techniques, with computerized lighting, heating, cooling and irrigation."

Today the Alpert family numbers four children and the close-knit community of Sde Nitzan is comfortably equipped with a swimming pool, store and a small central square.

"We have a tremendous quality of life here," Bruce Alpert says happily.

With the improvements wrought by JNF's Action Plan: Negev, Moshav Sde Nitzan will flourish, Israel's desert will bloom and that quality of life will get even better.

Bat Mitzvah celebrated

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Whispers By Ellie Leyman

Whispers of a time gone by
A lonely child forgotten
Along the path of a hurried crowd
Of Jews.

Herded, gassed, torn,
We shall know them no more,
But through this child,
Someone forgotten.

Carrying nothing,
Eyes swollen with crying and fear,
He gazes round at the emptiness.

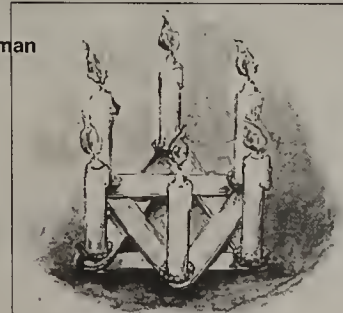
Not another soul remained behind . . .
Gone are the loud men with the guns
and whips . . .

Mama, Papa, Auntie Sara . . .
Take me with you . . .
They refused, had pushed him aside.

You must stay down,
Not a word, not even a whisper,
Be careful Mama said,
G-d keep you Mama said . . .

A child of nine,
Still, afraid, trembling
Begins to understand . . .

I must live
I must pray
I must survive . . .
I must hide.



I want these shackles off
I want them at my side.
Mama, Papa, Auntie Sara . . .
Come back, come back and hide.

I am tired,
I am hungry,
I want some water . . .
How to make his way?

The child is now a man.
He survived.
It is many years now,
But memories still haunt him.
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Congregation Beth Shalom seeks a new direction

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tion. Rather than accommodating 600 or 700 families it would serve 300 to 400 families and would be called a "jewel". This means it would be done to the high architectural standards that Beth Shalom currently is rather than a shitebel type operation. Cost is a factor here as well. Some people have come forward to support this option. This has had the least investigation.

I believe that if we were to leave the downtown area another synagogue would pop up. There is a need for a downtown synagogue. We're a capital city and we have visiting dignitaries. Last week there were guests here for a UIA Conference. Some people point to the death of synagogues in downtown areas. But I believe that Ottawa is different than other cities. Many people live in downtown Ottawa. A new housing development recently sold out just blocks from Beth Shalom. We're not an industrial city. When you take in Sandy Hill, Rockcliffe, Hull, Vanier, you're still finding an essential core of people looking for a synagogue. When Hillel Lodge moves to the west-end, people currently davening there will be left without a chapel. This third option also might work out because the first option, remaining at Chapel without a tenent might be an expensive proposition.

Q. A questionnaire was circulated amongst the membership last Yomtov. Can you share the results with us?

A. It wasn't scientific but representative at the time. We had a general meeting last April. We canvassed our membership on various options and what their intentions were in terms of the future of Beth Shalom. The key finding of the responses was that an overwhelming 90% supported remaining on Chapel Street. I must qualify that this was their first choice.

Q. What is the shul's relationship with Beth Shalom West and what is Beth Shalom's obligation to its sister congregation?

A. First a little history. I personally wrote the concept paper for Beth Shalom West and was on the original steering committee along with Julian Lewin. I also sat on the Beth Shalom board. So I have more than a passing knowledge on this subject.

The original intention was that BSW be a satellite congregation of Beth Shalom; almost like one-stop banking where membership in one is good in another. Over the years the congregations have drifted apart, for various reasons, mostly good. They have different locations, different demographics. The property on Chartwell and most of the contents on Chartwell are the property of Beth Shalom. We operate with separate boards, separate clergy, some common programs - in my belief, we should have more. In legal terms Beth Shalom West belongs to Beth Shalom.

Q. Do you believe that the congregants of

Beth Shalom West are aware of this arrangement?

A. I don't know. Many of the people who were involved at the beginning are less active now and I don't know if these oral traditions have been passed on. Certainly the executive members of Beth Shalom West are well aware of their obligations. Up until recently Beth Shalom was paying BSW clergy salaries and administering their pension plan. Not only do the assets belong to us but so do the obligations. Should there be any shortfalls, we are responsible.

Q. Do you know how BSW feels about entertaining an amalgamation with Beth Shalom?

A. From what I'm told, the members of Beth Shalom West would be extremely delighted to have us join them as a congregation. There have been some informal discussions amongst a very small number of people, but these are people who have self-selected themselves as supporters of that option. I don't know if it is a universal feeling, but I imagine there are opinions on both sides.

Q. Some members have suggested that Beth Shalom become Conservative. Is this a viable option?

A. That's a difficult question to answer. Under our constitution we are an Orthodox congregation. We did ask our members in the survey how they felt about it, and to be honest there was a fair amount of support to change the Orthodox component, although again this was not scientific. Many of the members are on the border between traditional Orthodox and traditional Conservative. We hear often that "I'd like to sit with my spouse." When push comes to shove a lot of our members are more interested in having a viable congregation. They believe that perhaps moving a little to the left will attract more members. That theory has never been properly tested.

Q. Do you believe the synagogue can attract new members to broaden its base and that it can continue to exist and move forward into the 21st century? And if so

what is your mandate?

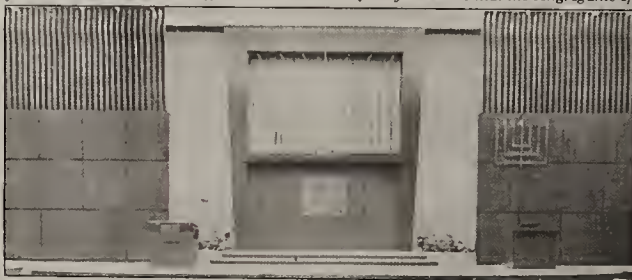
A. I believe we can attract new members; good people who wish to attend services and work. Part of the problem we labor under is many people don't know Beth Shalom 1997, don't know anything about the clergy, nor the new young families. They are basing their views on a 20 or 30 year old situation. We have to deal with now! Daily minyan, Friday Shabbat dinners, Lehrhaus programs on Tuesday evenings. We do outreach programs with university students. We have young new members and an active board. Yet we benefit from the experience and tradition of older members. There is a refreshing mix. Spiritually the congregation is growing.

My job is to deal with the present reality. The JCC is vacating. I have to guide the process, to look after all members' needs.

We must entertain all options. From a business standpoint we must make optimum economic use of the existing property. There has been a suggestion that the south end be razed, that condos be built to house seniors. Others want to maintain the synagogue, the gymnasium and the health club.

Another idea is to level the entire building and rebuild on that property, but I'm unsure of the economics. I've been told that "rich men build shuls", and in return attract other donors. We are not asking for a major donation, but if a gift were to come forward, it would heavily influence the direction of the shul. The synagogue needs a number of forms of support including financial. We're a business with staff, equipment, taxes. It's important to have sufficient resources to support our needs.

One of the problems at Beth Shalom has always been the perception that we're a wealthy synagogue. We operated without a reserve fund and other things common to modern day synagogues. We require "sweat equity". People rolling up their sleeves to babysit, clean up after a kiddush, etc. I am convinced that the ultimate decision will favor those who are most prepared to devote their time, energy and resources to our synagogue.



The Ark and bimah at Congregation Beth Shalom

Will European Jewry survive the next millennium?

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ter and Cerman novelist Stefan Heym cater to the tastes not of a Jewish but of a general audience. Far removed from pre-war Europe's "internally coherent cultural world," today's "thin veneer of commercialized culture" (Jewish jokes, Fiddler on the Roof, but little else) demonstrates only "an obscurely perceived, dead past, (which is) not a basis for a living collective identity," Wasserstein holds.

Not quite so with Jewish education. Alongside a faddish interest in all things Jewish across Western Europe, Jewish education is in vogue again. In England and France a third of Jewish children attend Jewish day schools. In Germany many notable universities boast new departments in Jewish and Hebrew studies. But then again, "Until Jewish study is valued again for its own sake and as the core of what it means to be Jewish rather than as a device to secure something clever to say at the dinner table, the big question

mark remains hanging over Jewish education," said Wasserstein.

And how does all this add up for European Jews? "Jews in Europe are confronting the crisis as Jews historically everywhere have always confronted crisis: They are quarrelling," said Wasserstein, only half-joking. "Sometimes quarrelling is a sign of life, sometimes it's the opposite. Just remember the quarrels that took place in the Warsaw Ghetto under the Nazi onslaught." The major bone of contention is different interpretations of the essence of Jewishness. "There is an increasing rift between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews in Europe. (Many initiatives to revive Jewish life and culture) simply crash into the rock because of their quarrels."

But while in the West Jews are quarrelling, in most of Eastern Europe little is left to quarrel about. Communism there stifled Jewish identity and expression for decades. Save Hungary, where "goulash communism" offered comparative freedom,

Jewishness alternated between a taboo and a burden. "Reactionary" religious practices were banned, and institutions banished. In the Soviet Union, where most Eastern Jews lived, demographic patterns mirrored those in the West. The exodus of Russian Jewry since the 1970s, mostly to Israel, has leached further into the country's Jewish population. Today, there are 600,000 Jews left in Russia against an emigration of 60,000 a year. Poland, once home of 3 million Jews, is now only a wasteland for its 6,000 remaining Jews. Prague's 350,000 Jews, once Czechoslovakia's cultural elite, shrank to 15,000 by the mid-1960s.

Tellingly, says Wasserstein, the most tangible evidence now in Eastern Europe of a glorious past is cemeteries: "By the late 1980s, [most of Eastern Europe] had become for Jews not much more than a graveyard." Russia and Hungary aside, few Jews have remained there to enjoy the newly-won freedom after 1990. Although more Jews flaunt their ethnicity now and

participate in tradition, 50 years of enforced secularism has severed generations from their roots beyond repair. Besides, social and economic insecurity has triggered massive immigration unseen since the Second World War. "For the first time since the Middle Ages more Jews now live in Western than Eastern Europe," Wasserstein lamented.

But if separated by history, Eastern and Western Jews are facing a common future. An ultra-orthodox vestige aside, "Soon nothing will be left (of today's Jewry in Europe) save a disembodied memory" Wasserstein surmised. The trends, bar an unexpected reversal, are irreversible. A people of eternal wanderers, Diaspora Jews have now been pitching their tents on a different continent. "The prospects in North America are quite different," explained Wasserstein. "The iceberg here is much bigger, and it's melting much more slowly." Solace for the Diaspora, cold comfort for Europe.



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The News from the Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

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Community invited to JCC General Meeting June 9

By Estelle Melzer

The Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa invites all community members to its Annual General Meeting and Awards Night on Monday, June 9, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the JCC, 151 Chapel Street.

"Like everyone in our community, I am thrilled that our dream of a new JCC will become 'concrete' when construction begins this year," exclaimed Carol Kassie, chairperson of the event, and a past JCC president. "Our theme for the Annual General Meeting is, of course, a natural - 'Building for the Future.'"

Staff and Board members will be sporting hardhats, the room will be

decorated with construction gear, and the blueprints of the new building will be prominently featured. The JCC's new president, Jeff Gould, and his new Board will be elected and installed in a spirit of great optimism.

Amidst all the talk and excitement about the future, however, the General Meeting will also provide a forum for the JCC to pause and say thank you to those who have helped make the dream happen.

Outgoing JCC President Ron Prehogan has devoted literally countless hours over the last two crucial years to guiding the fragile dream of a new JCC through the many roadblocks,

AGM theme:

Building for the Future

complications, and obstacles in its path.

"Ron Prehogan is an exceptional individual with a true understanding of the meaning of tzedakah and kehilla," said JCC Executive Director Ann Lynn Lipton. "He was the facilitator who moved our entire process forward. His leadership and commitment have made our dream a reality."

The JCC invites the community to join together to say thank you to him in a farewell tribute.

"Getting to this point has been a much longer process than most people realize," Carol Kassie observed.

"Previous JCC administrations over the last eight years have also actively helped develop the dream and make the community understand what a JCC can and should be." While looking to its future, the JCC remembers its past.

The evening will also be an occasion to say thank you to the many volunteers whose contributions have helped make Centre programs possible. Volunteer Appreciation Certificates will be presented. Outstanding volunteer achievements will be honoured with special awards.

Foremost among them is the Ben Karp Volunteer Service Award, the highest honour the JCC bestows. This award will be given to an individual in recognition of continued volunteer involvement in the JCC and the community, in the spirit of the late Ben Karp, an extraordinary life-long volunteer.

Youth volunteerism will be honoured by the Grossman-Klein Teen Leadership Award, which will be

presented to one male and one female teen for their community involvement.

As well, the JCC will recognize the special achievements of community members in athletics.

The Irving "Shap" Shapiro Memorial Award will honour an individual for long term contributions to sports and athletics, both as a participant and an organizer. The Sharon Koffman Memorial Athletic Award will recognize exceptional effort and achievement by a university varsity athlete.

Two athletic awards will be presented to youth. The Jack Goldfield Memorial Award for Youth Athletics will honour one male and one female Athlete of the Year. The B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge Graduating Student Athletic Achievement Award will be presented in recognition of an outstanding high school athletic career.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the JCC Concert Band and the Shur-Am Choral Group. Light refreshments will be served.



The cast of FAME: The Musical

FAME teens re-enact Purim drama

By Estelle Melzer

Sunday, March 23 was Purim. It was also another 12-hour rehearsal day for the cast of JCC Theatreworks' FAME: The Musical, as they prepared for their Centrepointe opening just days away.

Cast member Andrea Wershof, a student at Yitzhak Rabin High School, raced to the rehearsal warehouse after attending the morning megillah reading in synagogue. But despite all the last minute tension and urgency, she was determined that everyone should celebrate the joyful spirit of Purim.

She had arranged with some other cast members to bring Purim goodies and treats for a Purim seudah (feast), a tradition which commemorates the festive spirit of the Jews of Persia after

they were saved from destruction.

That evening, when the cast paused for a supper break - kosher pizza compliments of Viva Pizza - the teens brought out their Purim treats.

Andrea began to tell the story of Purim, and in a spontaneous and very natural way, other Jewish cast members jumped up to act out the parts of Haman, King Ahashverush, Mordecai, Queen Esther and all the characters in this ancient Jewish drama.

Everyone, even the non-Jewish cast members and the adult production staff, joined in to make noise and drown out Haman's name as the story was recounted.

Andrea had brought some benches (prayer books containing the grace after meals) and at the conclusion of the meal everyone joined

in singing the blessings. "I didn't bring enough benches," Andrea recalled in amazement. "Everyone wanted to do it. And we sang the entire benching."

It was a very special moment - Jewish teens expressing their pride in their Jewish traditions in a very public way in the presence of their peers. Non-Jewish cast members were both intrigued and impressed.

FAME: The Musical will be an indelible memory in the hearts of all the young people involved in the production. Among all the exciting moments these kids will recall, there will, undoubtedly, be the memory of the Purim seudah when much more than an ancient tale was celebrated.

(For more FAME: the Musical, please see page C4.)

On the occasion of
Israel's 49th Anniversary
of Independence
you are cordially invited to attend the
Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Flag-Raising Ceremony
Monday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m.
at
Ottawa City Hall
111 Sussex Drive

Entertainment provided by Horalove Katz
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Light refreshments



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Centre Court



By Ron Prehogan
President, Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

Farewell and "see you at the Centre"

As this is my last time occupying this space, it would seem appropriate to reflect back on the past two years and to try to give some perspective on where we have come and where we are headed as an agency.

When I took office in June 1995, I stated in my speech at the annual meeting that the JCC has suffered over the years from a poor community image as an institution, a facility and a beneficiary agency of the Vaad Ha'Ir. I then suggested that we try to turn that around, first "by looking at ourselves as the vital organization that we are, rather than one which is preoccupied with looking after its own turf," and then "roll up our sleeves and work with the rest of the community in a spirit of openness and cooperation to build for ourselves and for our children and grandchildren the type of Centre that this great community needs and deserves." While neither goal has yet been completely fulfilled, I am proud to say that, thanks to so many people, we have come a very long way on both counts.

I believe that our self-image as an agency and our perception in the community have improved dramatically over the past two years, thanks in largest part to the community decision to proceed to build a new JCC. That decision has given us the opportunity to show the community what we can do, and I feel that we are surely headed in the right direction. However we must never forget that the community is our master and we are the servants and we will continue to listen carefully to "the voice of the people."

As far as the building of "the type of Centre that this great community needs and deserves," I believe that our most significant accomplishment to date has been to begin to infuse the community with a sense of what we are all about. For many years, the community had viewed the JCC primarily as a sports and recreation facility where Jews hung out with each other. Today, people are beginning to understand that things like sports and recreation - as well as culture, education and family-based activities - are merely a means to a Jewish end. When that new building is complete and open for business next year, people will begin to truly understand what all the fuss is about.

We have been forced over the past two years to focus primarily on the plans for the new building. At the same time, we have tried to keep our heads above water in terms of the day-to-day operations of the Centre. We are now at a juncture where we must and will concentrate our efforts much more on operations.

I cannot say good-bye without a whole lot of thank yous and best wishes. I first want to thank the JCC Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the community volunteers who have seemingly come out of the woodwork in massive numbers to offer their contributions to the JCC. It has been truly gratifying to see the level of caring and commitment on the part of so many people. I also want to thank the two Executive Directors during my term, Ron Boro and Ann Lynn Lipton, and the entire staff for hanging in there during this very challenging period in our history. As a community, we remain eternally grateful for all that you have done. I, of course, wish Jeff Gould and his new Executive and Board all the very best starting this June. We are in very good hands indeed. The JCC is all about "building Jewish memories" and the special times that I have spent with each and every one of you will surely remain with me forever.

There are no people, however, that I can thank more than my wife, Avela, and my children, Harris and Dara. I never in my wildest dreams could have imagined the time that this all would involve, and no one had to pay the price for that more than they did. Never once did I hear a word of complaint from any of them. I love you guys and look forward to re-introducing myself to you this June! I also want to thank my law partners and good friends, Howard Yegendorf, Don Brazeau, Fred Seller, Jamie Wyllie and Harold Feder, for being so incredibly helpful and supportive throughout.

Lastly, I want to thank the community for having given me this wonderful opportunity. For a native Montrealer without any formal Jewish education, it sure feels great to be an Ottawa Jew. To borrow a phrase from a former JCC President, used at the end of every one of his columns on these pages, I can hardly wait to "see you at the Centre."

FROM WHERE I SIT . . .

By Ann Lynn Lipton, Executive Director, Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa

Todah rabah and mazel tov to the JCC's "unsung heroes"



The program year is quickly drawing to a close and as we look back there is much to be happy about in our JCC. We have indeed begun to "go where our JCC has never gone before" and the programs developed by our staff has allowed us to reach out to more people than ever. But it is only the beginning and as we go forward we have much to do together.

We have also accomplished a great deal in terms of planning for our new facility. It is quite exciting to realize that by the end of the summer a shovel will be in the ground and our long awaited JCC building will be built. Now we have much to do to continue to plan for the programming and activities that will turn that building into your "Jewish home away from home".

But at this moment I must take the opportunity to share thoughts about some individuals who have made this entire process a possibility. They are truly the unsung heroes of this entire JCC operation. I am speaking of the Executive Board of our JCC Board of Directors. These eight individuals have made an enormous contribution to our JCC and have devoted their time, skills and energy to the many demands that we have had over the past two years.

They are Ron Prehogan, President; Jeff Gould, Vice President; Ian Sherman, Treasurer; Rhona Levine, Secre-

tary. At large members are Cheryl Cogan, Gabriel Karlin, Nordau Kanigsbug and David Goldstein.

Led by Ron Prehogan, our dynamic and committed President, they have provided us with the leadership that is needed to propel us from our past to our future. They have worked for countless hours and never once did I hear any of them complain about the workload or the time they have had to devote. They are models of what Jewish leaders should be and they don't just talk about tzedakah and tikun olam - they make it happen through their deeds. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as their Executive Director for the past 16 months. Together we have learned and explored so many areas of the JCC and we have hopefully facilitated the decision making that will enable us all to enjoy our new facility for many years to come.

Ron Prehogan leaves us as President on June 9, 1997 and I feel confident that he will always remain a major leader of our JCC. We know that he will share in the excitement and accomplishment over the next few years and we applaud him for his major role in making it all happen.

But "we have only just begun" and I not only want to say "todah rabah" (thanks) and "mazel tov" to these leaders, but yasher koach (continued strength) - and may you all go from strength to strength!

CHANCE FOR CHARITY CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS (CONTINUED)

DATE:	WINNER:	PRIZE AMOUNT:
Mar. 18, 1997	Bella Lipnowski	\$20.00
Mar. 19, 1997	Jesse Lepain	\$20.00
Mar. 20, 1997	A. Groues	\$20.00
Mar. 21, 1997	Angie Hull	\$50.00
Mar. 22, 1997	Karen Carroll	\$20.00
Mar. 23, 1997	Esiher Miller	\$20.00
Mar. 24, 1997	Stephane Champagne	\$20.00
Mar. 25, 1997	Guy Paquette	\$20.00
Mar. 26, 1997	Eli Teram	\$20.00
Mar. 27, 1997	Karen Klar	\$20.00
Mar. 28, 1997	Phyllis & Bill Leith	\$600.00
Mar. 29, 1997	Ed Roistein	\$20.00
Mar. 30, 1997	Elayna Joy Katz	\$20.00
Mar. 31, 1997	L. A., & R. Selter	\$20.00
Apr. 1, 1997	Adam Katz	\$20.00
Apr. 2, 1997	Sue Willmott	\$20.00
Apr. 3, 1997	Donna Levin	\$20.00
Apr. 4, 1997	Yona & Shelly Diltman	\$50.00
Apr. 5, 1997	Laura Kelly	\$20.00
Apr. 6, 1997	L. J., & S. Hoffer	\$20.00
Apr. 7, 1997	M. & B. Shizgal	\$20.00
Apr. 8, 1997	Judy Patovirta	\$20.00
Apr. 9, 1997	Maureen Fensel	\$20.00
Apr. 10, 1997	Judi Kerzner	\$20.00
Apr. 11, 1997	Catherine Thomas	\$50.00
Apr. 12, 1997	Merle Ames	\$20.00
Apr. 13, 1997	Joseph Jelincic	\$20.00
Apr. 14, 1997	Jack Torjman	\$20.00
Apr. 15, 1997	Hannah London	\$20.00
Apr. 16, 1997	Charles Albert	\$20.00

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Round the Centre



The Inter-City Jewish Singles Weekend
in celebration of Ottawa's Tulip Festival
May 17 - 19, 1997

EARLY REGISTRATION PACKAGE:
\$60.00 (Cdn)

when registered and paid by **May 5th, 1997**

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Saturday, May 17th, 9:30 p.m.

Elegant Opening Cocktail Reception
Entertainment by Ottawa's favourite magician, Elliott Smith
The Foyer of the Sussex Pavilion, Ottawa City Hall, 111 Sussex
at the door - \$30.00

Sunday, May 18th, 1:00 p.m.

Easy Hike in the beautiful Gatineau Hills
\$5.00 or FREE with Early Registration
OR

Walking Tour of the Tulip Festival Grounds at Major's Hill Park
\$5.00 or FREE with Early Registration

Sunday, May 18th, 8:30 p.m.

Dance to the sounds of "HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS D.J. SERVICE"
with dancing D.J. Gregg at the "TOP OF THE HILL".
Citadel Inn, 101 Lyon Street
at the door - \$30.00 includes one drink, dessert table, cash bar

Monday, May 19th, 11:30 p.m.

Optional Get-Together
Details at the Opening Event

Monday, May 19th, 1:30 p.m.

Sing-Along to the songs of the 50's and 60's with Piano Man AVE
at "Foil House", 337 Somerset Street West
at the door - \$15.00 includes one drink, munchies, cash bar

For more information, please call Esther at 596-1076

INTER-CITY JEWISH SINGLES WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, May 17th	Enclosed	\$60.00
Cocktail Reception <input type="checkbox"/>	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	
Sunday, May 18th		
Hike in Gatineau <input type="checkbox"/>	MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR	No. _____	
Tour of Major's Hill Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Exp. Date _____	
Dance <input type="checkbox"/>	VISA <input type="checkbox"/>	
	No. _____	
Monday, May 19th	Exp. Date _____	
Sing-Along with AVE <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Telephone: _____		

Return as soon as possible to:
Jewish Community Centre, c/o Inter-City Jewish Singles Weekend
151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, ON K1N 7Y2

400 attend Bytown Squares' Bagel Bash

By Estelle Melzer

Approximately 400 people attended the JCC Bytown Squares' third annual Bagel Bash on Sunday, April 6. Square dancers from all over the Ottawa area and as far away as Brampton, Belleville, Cornwall and Montreal attended. It's an event that local square dance groups look forward to every year.

"We really enjoy hosting this event and try to make it a little special and different," explained Ruth Tal, vice-president of the Bytown Squares. "We're the only Jewish square dance group in the region so when we started this event we thought, why not serve bagels?"

She recalls how some of the dancers from other groups were a little sceptical about the lox in the first years and stuck to cream cheese and jam. "Now everyone immediately heads for the bagels with lox," she laughs.

Another special feature of the Bagel Bash is the multitude of prizes given out. This year there were 50 door prizes given out, as well as a 50-50 draw and four raffles. Raffle prizes included a gift certificate from Stan the Man clothes; a fur hat from Pat Flesher Furs; a makeover (won by a Montreal gentleman); and a square dance outfit donated by the Bytown Squares. It

all added to the excitement and fun of the event.

The food, which was prepared by group members, was plentiful and included danish, drinks and candies along with the bagels. Lots of energy was spent on the dance floor but no one went home hungry. At the end of the afternoon, everyone linked arms and sang a friendship song.

The JCC introduced square dancing to the Jewish community in 1992. The group started with two squares (16 people) but grew rapidly as word got out about how much fun it was. Reluctant husbands often became the most enthusiastic recruiters for the group.

The Bytown Squares meet on Tuesday nights at Agudath Israel Synagogue for Beginner and Mainstream dancing. They also offer a Plus group (advanced dancing) which meets on Thursday nights.

The Bytown Squares will continue throughout the summer, offering open dancing on Tuesday nights. Any square dance pair can attend but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register please call Edna Eisenberg at 224-2500 or Ruth Tal at 737-4238.

Singles in Action

Bowling -
Mondays (until May 12)
6:15 pm at the Merivale
Bowling Centre,
1916 Merivale Road
Call Robin at 721-6604

Co-ed Softball
Mondays (starting May 26)
6:15 pm at 881 Broadview
Call Ralph at 733-4414

Biking -
Wednesday evenings
Starting ASAP
Call Jan at 825-1277

Drop-in Cafe
(alternate Thursdays)
from 8:30 pm at the Oh So
Good Cafe, 108 Murray
• May 8 & 22
• June 5 & 19

**Interested in the
JCC Cooking Club?**
Call Ralph at 733-4414.

Come out to The Golden Age Club

Every Monday, the Golden Age Club meets at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St. We have hot luncheons, interesting programs and friendly members.

May 5

12:00 noon

Luncheon at Hillel Lodge

May 12

12:30 pm

Trip to Casino de Hull
from Chateau Laurier Hotel

May 19

Victoria Day - Closed

May 26

12:30 pm

Mother's Day Luncheon
with entertainment.
Visit from Good Luck Club
from Montreal.

June 2

12:30 pm

Bingo luncheon

June 9

1:00 pm

Faith Seltzer talks about
City of Ottawa Seniors'
Recreation Programs

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May 22

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MENSCH OF THE MONTH

Martin Black

By Estelle Melzer

"You have to see the spirit and growth of the kids in these productions to really understand what it's all about."



Marty Black's entire family - from his parents to his youngest nieces and nephew - came to Ottawa to see JCC Theatreworks' fabulous production of *FAME: The Musical*. For Marty, executive producer of *FAME*, it was a very appropriate gathering. Community involvement has always been a family tradition in the Black family.

His grandfather was Peterborough's first rabbi and his parents had been very active in the Jewish life of their city and country - his father, Isadore, is a past president of B'nai Brith Canada and his mother, Bella, is a past president of the local Hadassah chapter.

Over the years, Marty has given his energy and talent to an enormous variety of causes, but he speaks with special enthusiasm about his involvement in JCC Theatreworks. "You have to see the spirit and growth of the kids in these productions to really understand what it's all about," he explains. "The way it builds teamwork, self-confidence, focus and a sense of belonging is just phenomenal. Some of our teens go on to professional careers (Jennifer Gould and Jen Waiser, for example). For others, these plays are the high point of their teen years. For all of them, JCC Theatreworks is a never-to-be-forgotten experience."

Marty has seen the spirit generated by this program up close with his own daughters. He first began "helping out backstage" when his daughter Ashley was a munchkin in JCC Theatreworks' *Wizard of Oz*. Marty had been involved in the entertainment scene in high school and university and this taste of musical theatre "relit the flame". The next year both Ashley and Andrea were in the cast of *Peter Pan*, and Marty, in typical fashion, became more involved in the production.

Robert Gould asked him to be his co-executive producer for the following year's play, *Babes in Arms*. It was a learning experience which Marty put to great use when he took over as executive producer of this year's production of *FAME*.

To make his show succeed, Marty considered no task too small or too big. As executive producer he hired the production staff, was involved in choosing the play (together with the teens, a unique feature of this program), coordinated marketing and ticket sales, liaised with Centrepont staff, booked rehearsal facilities, sold program ads and even cleaned toilets and mopped floors. He admits to "shamelessly using all my connections to recruit funds, resources and volunteers."

And succeed it did! *FAME: The Musical* played to more than 6000 people, including five sold out performances, and garnered amazing reviews.

"*FAME* was such an appropriate way to mark the tenth anniversary of JCC Theatreworks," Marty remarked. "It's so reflective of what JCC Theatreworks is all about - teens aspiring to reach for the stars." He also has a more personal attachment to this play. "*FAME* reminded me of my own high school days when I met and fell in love with my wife, Ellie."

In his professional life Marty is a lawyer in private practice and a senior instructor for the Bar Admissions course. He also somehow finds time to involve himself in a myriad of community organizations. His list of volunteer activities includes: trustee and past vice-president of B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge; board member of Camp B'nai Brith; legal counsel to Ecole Maimonides Parents Association; past director and legal counsel for the Canadian Toy Testing Council; past director and legal counsel for the Good Companions Seniors' Centre; chairman of the B'nai Brith/Big Brothers Car Rally; and past chairman of UJA Walkathons and UJA Super Sunday Telethons. He is currently chairing a committee responsible for taking 27 young dancers (including his two daughters) to the 1997 Shanghai International Children's Cultural and Art Festival, to represent Canada among some 20 other nations.

When asked why he gets so involved in so many volunteer activities, Marty was at a loss for an explanation. "The importance of tzedakah and sharing one's good fortune has simply been ingrained in me," he says. "In the case of JCC Theatreworks, it's also the sheer joy of bringing first-class entertainment to so many people, under the auspices of the Ottawa Jewish Community - my adopted community which has been so good to me and my family."

FAME: The Musical wows Ottawa!



"From the moment the curtain comes up the show explodes... The JCC production team has turned this New York-based musical into one of the most exciting amateur performances I've ever seen in Ottawa."

- Alvina Ruprecht, CBO Morning

"The talented, high-energy teenagers portraying a class of teens with stars in their eyes and fame on their minds know what makes the characters in *FAME: The Musical* tick. The emotion that their exuberant movements project most strongly is sheer joy."

- Iris Winston, Ottawa Citizen

"Community Theatre is alive and strong... The thing about *FAME* was that it was impossible to single out one performer as a star... everyone involved here did not fail to astound."

- James Ness, The Clarion





Come Celebrate!

**ISRAEL'S 49TH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE**

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Sunday, May 11

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featuring an Israeli SHUK (Marketplace)

with vendors, crafts, exhibits, food and much more



5:00 pm Memorial service for Israel's fallen soldiers

5:30 pm SHUK opens

Children's crafts & activities • Petting Zoo

Food Court opens

*Visit Little Jaffa, Kibbutz Daphna, Dizengoff Square, the Western Wall,
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6:30 pm One-woman play, GOLDA (Concurrent kids' activities)

7:30 pm Hillel Academy Performance

Israeli music and dancing

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Gettin' Physical

Team Black defeats Red to win J.M.B.L. final

By Jon Braun
Director of Athletics

The Jewish Men's Basketball League wound up its 1996-97 season with an exciting final between Mitch Novick's Team Black and Joey Lyman's Red Club. After a gutsy game, Black came out on top, winning the Championship 60 to 51.

Red was a surprise finalist. After finishing last in the regular season, this team did a great job of pulling it together through the playoffs.

However, Black showed its discipline and experience in the final with a well-balanced performance.

Jerry Ostroff controlled the middle and chipped in 10 points while point

guard Mark Groper blew out the lights from the outside, exploding for 25 points. Lyman led Red with 21.

The members of the Championship Black Team include: Jerry Ostroff, Mitch Novick, Mark Groper, Uriel Hinberg, Danny Levine, Ariel Grostern, Ted Sadinsky and Charles Schachnow.

The Most Valuable Player of the Year Award was given to David Feldberg. The Top Scorer was Jeff Pleet. Rookie of the Year honours went to Doron Dickson.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the J.M.B.L. this year. It was another excellent season. See ya in the fall!



West End Rhythmic Fitness Class

West End Fitness to hold 25th anniversary luncheon

The Jewish Community Centre's West End Fitness Class will be celebrating its silver anniversary - yes, 25 years with the same instructor and many of the same participants - with a special anniversary luncheon on Thursday, May 29. The luncheon will take place in the Social Hall of the JCC at 12:00 noon.

Community members and former participants in the class are invited to celebrate this occasion with "Doreen and the ladies." Instructor Doreen Keir has not only been the class instructor since day one but,

more importantly, has been the heart and soul of this special program. Her health and nutrition tips, her warmth, and her concern for the wellness of each participant, have created a unique atmosphere in the class. The loyalty of the ladies in this class is a testament to that.

The 25th anniversary luncheon will be an opportunity for former, present and future West End Fitness members to get together and celebrate with typical warmth and camaraderie. The cost of the luncheon is \$6.00. To reserve your spot call the JCC at 789-1818.

You wanna smile 'till your face hurts?



Then come to JCC SPORTS CAMP!

Sports include: soccer, basketball, football, gymnastics, trampolining, swim instruction, lacrosse, tennis, canoeing, waterskiing, windsurfing, horseback riding, archery, Expos trip (seniors), Lynx games and more. For more information please call Jon Braun at 789-1818.



JEWISH MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE 1997

New players welcome!

If you are new in town and you want to get 'busy' this summer, hook up with the J.M.S.L.

We offer two divisions:

- I. Slow Pitch
- II. Conventional Lob Ball

For more information about these divisions please call Jon Braun at 789-1818.

Play begins the second week of May.

Returning players please contact your captains.

JEWISH WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE 1997

If you want to enjoy the summertime, meet new friends and have a fun time, then the J. W. S. L. is for you.

May - September
Tuesdays
6:30 - 8:30 pm
881 Broadview

For more information and to register, please contact Jon at 789-1818.



J.M.B.L. FINAL STANDINGS

	Wins	Losses	Points
Green	16	4	52
Black	12	8	44
Gold	11	9	42
White	7	13	34
Royal	7	12	34
Red	7	12	34

TOP 10 SCORERS

Player	Team	Avg	GP
1. Jeff Pleet	Gold	26.9	20
2. Doron Dickson	White	25.8	16
3. Brian Mackinnon	Royal	21.4	14
4. Joey Lyman	Red	20.94	18
5. Mark Cantor	Green	20.5	16
6. Ian Shabinsky	White	19.9	15
7. Kimmo Murto	Red	19.3	10
8. Manny Olszynko	Green	15.5	17
9. Dave Feldberg	Green	15.2	17
10. Ted Sadinsky	Black	14.85	20

JCC ROAD TRIP CLUB '97

proudly present its

ANNUAL EXPOS TRIP

The Expos vs the Los Angeles Dodgers
Sunday, May 18

Cost: \$50.00 (for transportation and box seats)

Bus departs 881 Broadview at 11:00 am

For more information and to register, contact Jon Braun at 789-1818.

After School Sports - Spring Edition SOCCER - for boys and girls in grades 3 - 6



Wednesdays
4:00 - 5:00 pm
at 881 Broadview

Begins May 7

Cost: \$25.00

To register

call the JCC at 789-1818.



Just Kiddin' Around

Creative pre-school program filling up

Garinim, the JCC's afternoon preschool program, has just completed its winter term, and youngsters are eagerly looking forward to more fun and learning in the Spring term starting in May.

Garinim runs every afternoon at its bright new location at 1774 Kerr Avenue. Each day of the week focuses on a different theme. Children, who come from both Hillel and other programs, can register for one class or all five.

Monday classes explore Farm Animals. The Garinim Farm is flourishing with abundant livestock and bean and pea crops and our 'farmers' displayed their harvest at a farmer's market.

Tuesday is travel round the world day. This session children explored Japan. They made Japanese fans and batik-decorated carp kites and enjoyed stories about Japan and related role playing.

The environment was the focus of Wednesday classes, and paper making was one of the major projects of the term. The children took tremendous pride in the booklets they produced in an elaborate paper making process. They also made paper mache rainmakers and simple solar heaters.



Garinim "knights" with their horses

On Thursdays, a Castles and Dragons theme encouraged young imaginations to flourish. Children have made their own castles, horses, dragons and 'Princess and the Pea' beds. All these activities have been a rich source of creative play.

Fridays are devoted to a Shabbat and Judaism theme. Children have made beautiful crafts including tzedakah boxes and uniquely decorated kippot. They also learned about Purim and Passover.

Registration is now open for next fall's Garinim term. Spaces are going fast with some days already full. Waiting lists are being kept and extra classes may be set up. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please call Joy Levine at 729-9533 now.

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Places are going FAST... for

Garinim 1997/1998

This program invites pre-schoolers, both within and outside of Hillel Academy, to develop their readiness skills in a semi-structured, interactive setting. Each day focuses on a theme which will be explored through art, crafts, music, science, cooking, co-operative skills and more. Our classrooms welcome children to a stimulating and nurturing environment.

Mondays - Our World

September 8 - December 15
January 5 - April 6
April 20 - June 22

Weather Systems
Huts, Homes & Habitats
The Earth

Tuesdays - All About Me

September 9 - December 16
January 6 - April 7
April 21 - June 23

Physical Me
Social Me
Emotional Me

Wednesdays - Just for the Fun of It

September 10 - December 17
January 7 - April 8
April 22 - June 24

The Bear Facts
Let's Do the #3 Rumba
Food Fun

Thursdays - Wonderful, Marvellous Words

September 11 - December 18
January 8 - April 9
April 23 - June 25

Nursery Rhyme Time
Books, Books, Books
Tales with a Twist

Fridays - Sabbath Stuff

September 12 - December 19
January 9 - April 3
April 24 - June 19

Shabbat & Holidays around the World
Adam and Eve 101
Jewish Joys

Dates and themes subject to change.

For more information or to register
call Joy at 729-9533.

Don't be disappointed.

Register Now!!



"Let us entertain you" - Camp '96 staff

JCC Day Camp staff focus on fun

By Rhoda Levitan

Director, JCC Day Camp

Our staff for JCC Day Camp 1997 is almost all in place. Some are familiar faces, some are new, all are enthusiastic and exceptionally qualified.

We welcome back Joey Lyman as Head of Sports, Keren Gordon as Head of Theatre Arts and Erin Ramsey as Head of Science and Technology. (Yes, we will be having another season of chickens hatching!)

We're very pleased to announce that Glen Chapman will be our new Aquatics Director. Glen is an exceptional aquatics professional with many years of teaching and pool management experience. Under his guidance we believe we will have

the best camp swim program in the Ottawa area!

Our camp has built up a reputation for having very caring and warm counsellors. This year will be no exception. We're delighted that the following familiar and well-loved faces will be back sharing hugs and laughter and high spirits: Keren Fyman, Laura Van Dam, Becca Signer, Mark Griller, Ann Zilberbrant, Felicia Segal, Lisa Miller, Talya Messeri, Amy Signer, Shauna Eisenstat, Keren Jalon, Joel Kom, Shayna Leikin, David Rotenberg, John Avery and Avi Miller.

New additions to our staff are Lorne Pearl, Zena Pearl, Gillian Dolansky, Ellen Waxman, Tob Cohen, Esther Rossman, Dan

Abrams, Adam Fromovitch, Dana Rose, Adam Balsam, Aaron Marcovitch and Daniel Weiss. Together they make an incredible team and create a real sense of family in our camp community.

Assistant Camp Directors Jenny Levine and Gary Adler have been busy working with me on programming. That process is still ongoing but so far we have come up with some exciting activities. Special days will range from Disney to Star Wars. We're also planning another Maccabiah, a fabulous water day of two, and a carnival including games, pony rides, and cotton candy.

Camp is for fun and fun is what JCC Day Camp is all about!

The Mix provides the fix!

By Mark Hecht,

Director of Children's Programming

Responding to the demand of older juniors - the pre-teens - for a program to call their own, the JCC started the Mix 4-to-5 Club.

The Club was launched at the end of February after much discussion and planning with the kids themselves in order to determine what type of activities they would like to participate in.

The first program filled up immediately. Twenty youngsters met at Laser Quest on a Saturday night for games, pizza and a chance to hang out with old friends and new.

In April the Club grew to thirty participants for an evening at the Midway Family Fun Centre, featur-

ing a deli dinner, and basketball, mini-putt and arcade games.

The Mix really was a mix, drawing kids from the grade 4 and 5 classes of nine different schools throughout Ottawa. For some youngsters, this was their first JCC participation in a long time, but all were eager for more.

The last Mix event of the year will take place at the end of May. It will be a pool party at a hotel in Ottawa. Stay tuned for more information.

If you are a grade 4 or 5 student at any school in Ottawa, and would like to be on the Mix 4-to-5 Club mailing list, call Mark Hecht at 789-1818. Special thanks go to Shayna Tate who has been assisting with this program.

JCC Library collection growing

The Jewish Community Centre Library at 151 Chapel Street has an extensive collection of Judaica, both non-fiction and fiction.

Its collection is constantly being updated with new titles.

The library also subscribes to many periodicals including *Tikkun*, *Moment* and *Commentary*, and has a growing selection on "Women and Judaism" which includes the periodical, *Lilith*.

Librarian Estelle Backman is always eager to help people with their requests, whether their aim is research or just a good read.

The JCC Library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Sunday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and on Wednesday evening, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Drop in and browse through the shelves of old treasures or new acquisitions.

For further information please call Estelle Backman at 789-1818.

New Sunday Funday programs for spring

The JCC's Sunday Funday program for kids in grades 1 to 6 has some exciting workshops lined up for May and June.

All programs take place on Sunday afternoons at 881 Broadview.

May 4 is devoted to **Unusual and Wacky Sports**. How wacky? Some of the activities planned include blindfolded basketball, Siamese soccer and egg volley ball. It doesn't matter if you have two left feet (that may even help). The sole purpose of the afternoon is to have a ball.

Kids can really get creative in the **Cermit Surprises and Cartoon Creations** workshop which will take place on May 25. In this unusual combination of activities, youngsters will learn how to design their own cartoon and then mold it out of cermit clay.

The final workshop of the year will introduce kids to the art of carving **Soapstone Statues** as the Inuit people have done for centuries. By the end of the afternoon each child will have completed a small carving he can really be proud of.

For more information about these workshops or to register please call Mark Hecht at 789-1818.

A Sampling of New Acquisitions in the JCC Library

Biblical Women Unbound by Norma Rosen. In this book Norma Rosen gives new voice to more than a dozen women of the Bible with her innovative midrashim. She imagines and writes the missing chapters of their lives in answer to heretofore unanswered questions.

Search Out the Land by Sheldon and Judith Godfrey. This book focuses on the significant role played by Jews in the fight for civil and political rights in British North America. The description of the lives and accomplishments of the more than 100 Jewish pioneers and their families in the years between 1750-1840 will be of great interest to many readers.

Hiller's Willing Executioners by Daniel Goldhagen. A new exploration of an old question—How Could the Holocaust Happen? It is an authoritative and detailed investigation of those who carried out the Holocaust and of the German society and its ingrained virulent anti-semitism.

The End of Days by Ema Pan's. An in depth study of the historical events that turned Spain from a pluralistic multicultural society to the least tolerant in all Europe.

Shalom Friend by the staff of the Jerusalem Report. This authoritative and gripping biography traces the extraordinary life of Yitzhak Rabin (warrior and peacemaker) from his birth in Jerusalem in 1922 to his untimely death by an assassin's bullet.

Jewish Heritage Travel by Ruth Gruber. A comprehensive guide for traveller and historian alike, this book interweaves moving personal anecdotes and historical facts with practical travel information.

The Beginning of Desire by Aviva Gottlieb Zomberg. From creation through the lives of God's people Zomberg's book brings the familiar stories of Genesis alive. She ranges across literature, cultures, and time to delve into the Bible's lesson's on life.

The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot by Trudy Alexy. This book details the thrilling and harrowing stories of survivors and their rescuers who sought asylum from Hitler's Final Solution under Franco's Fascist regime.

Mazel by Rebecca Goldstein. This prize winning novel is about luck and its role in the love and lives of three generations of fascinating women.

Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi. A powerful novel about life in a small German town during the upheaval of the Holocaust.

Shikun Oz residents say thank you to the JCC Concert Band

(The program was part of the JCC's Project Keshar Punim outreach)

Dear Ann Lynn Dignon,

The JCC Concert Band performing at Shikun Oz was a huge success. The enjoyment of the music could be seen and heard as we seniors tapped our toes and applauded enthusiastically. A good time was had by all and we certainly would want these musicians to perform for us again in the near future.

The splendid evening culminated with an encore and a table filled with goodies as we mingled with the members of this fine orchestra.

We also wish to thank Hana Canning (Project Keshar Co-ordinator) for her fine efforts in bringing this orchestra. The evening was both very entertaining and enjoyable. It was a foregone conclusion. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Esther Bellman

On behalf of the tenants of Shikun Oz

JCC DAY CAMP '97 HEAD STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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- Are you mature and responsible?

MUSIC/RUACH

- Are you musical?
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- Are you a leader?

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Are you creative?
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If you are a university student or an adult and can answer the above questions with a yes, we welcome your application. Please call Carolyn at 789-1818.

JCC Maccabi Ottawa Basketball Camp

August 18 - 22

For boys and girls ages 11 to 15
at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street

Instructors include:

Rod Lee
Coach, University of Texas, Pan American
Brian Lee
Coach, Vancouver College
Bobby Brown
Coach, University of Ottawa
Clarence Porter
Coach, University of Ottawa
Jon Addy
Junior, University of Ottawa
Auggie Kapetanovic
Sophomore, Brown University
Vigor Kapetanovic
Senior, University of Pennsylvania



All fundamentals will be worked on in progression
Practices will be video-taped.

Daily awards for individual and team achievements

Mini dunk, 3 point and hot shot competitions

Daily swim and last day barbecue

All players receive T-shirts

Cost: \$180.00

For more information and to register contact
Camp Director Jon Braun at 789-1818.



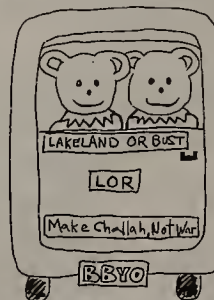
A program of the Jewish Community Centre

BBYO SPRING CONVENTION '97

May 9 - 11

Buffalo, N.Y.

"What a Long Strange Trip It's Been!"



Cost: \$170 (membership \$55)

For more information or to register
call Andrea at 789-1818.

Calling all former BBYOers . . .

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) is currently putting together an alumni list.

If you or someone you know was once a member of BBYO (in any Region or City), please call Andrea at 789-1818 to put your name on the list.

OTTAWA PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP

Do you enjoy walking?
Would you like to be involved in decisions affecting pedestrians in Ottawa?

The City of Ottawa is looking for people to sit on the Pedestrian Advisory Group to provide advice to the Corporation on pedestrian issues. The committee is comprised of citizen volunteers who are selected from all walks of the community. Applicants for this committee must be residents of the City of Ottawa.

Potential applicants are advised that all applications, documents or submissions received by the Corporation of the City of Ottawa in response to this notice will be deemed to be public records and will be fully accessible by any member of the public.

Letters of application (including some background information) should be forwarded to:

Daphne Hope (244-5300 extension 3225)
Alternative Transportation Planner
Licensing, Transportation and Parking Branch
Department of Engineering and Works
111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5A1

The deadline for the receipt of applications is June 6, 1997.

TIME FOR TENNIS

Find everything you're looking for at the City of Ottawa's Municipal Tennis School: certified instructors, a wide choice of lesson times to suit your schedule, small classes and an indoor location in the event of rain.

Classes consist of 1 hour and 20 minutes of instruction, held twice per week for 3 weeks at Fairmont, St. Luke's and Mooney's Bay Parks.

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I - Focus on court coverage, footwork, spins and overheads.

II - Ensure consistency in all aspects of the game, power of all strokes and counter attacking the opponent with the use of lobs, drop-shots and overheads.
4 participants per class - Adult \$ 79.78

Join now and enjoy a summer of tennis!
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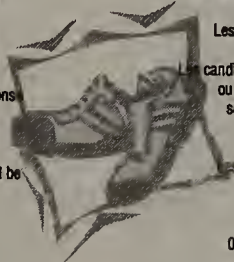


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GRUPE CONSULTATIF SUR LES PIÉTONS D'OTTAWA

Aimez-vous marcher?
Souhaiteriez-vous participer aux décisions touchant les piétons à Ottawa?

La Ville d'Ottawa s'apprête à mettre sur pied un groupe consultatif sur les piétons qui aura comme mandat de conseiller la Ville sur les questions touchant les piétons. Le comité sera composé de citoyens bénévoles de tous les paliers de la communauté. Les candidats et candidates doivent être résidents de la ville d'Ottawa.

Les candidats et candidates sont avisés que tous les documents, demandes ou mises en candidature reçus par la Ville en réponse au présent avis seront considérés comme étant des documents publics et à ce titre, entièrement accessibles à tout membre du public.

Les candidatures (y compris certains renseignements biographiques) doivent être adressées à :

Daphne Hope (244-5300 poste 3225)
Planificatrice, Modes de transport alternatif
Direction des permis, des transports et du stationnement
Service du génie et des travaux publics
111, promenade Sussex, Ottawa (Ontario) K1N 5A1

La date limite de présentation des demandes est le 6 juin 1997.

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pour filles et garçons de 8 à 11 ans

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Participez à d'autres activités tels le volley-ball, le soccer, la crosse et le basket-ball.

Du 4 au 8 août - 8 h 30 - 16 h 30 - 180 \$,
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Renseignements : 247-4811

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pour enfants de 5 à 12 ans

Développez vos habiletés de natation et apprenez divers sports aquatiques, y compris le water-polo, la nage synchronisée et le hockey sous l'eau.

De plus, pratiquez plusieurs sports tels le basket-ball, le volley-ball et le soccer.

Du 14 au 18 juillet - 8 h 30 - 18 h 30 - 95 \$, Complexe St-Laurent, 525, rue Côté
Renseignements: 742-6767

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The Seasonal Park Programmes Division would like to thank CHEZ 106 FM, ROGERS CANTEL INC., and SHAW MOBILECOMM for their generous contributions and continued support of the 1997 Community Operated Outdoor Rink Programme.

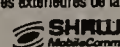
We would also like to send a special thank you to all the rink operators for their dedication and hard work in making this winter season a successful one. Over 240,000 skaters enjoyed the 72 outdoor rinks.



MERCI À NOS COMMANDITAIRES

La Division des programmes saisonniers de parcs tient à remercier la station de radio CHEZ-FM 106, Rogers Cantel Inc. et Shaw MobileComm de leur généreuse contribution au Programme des patinoires extérieures communautaires 1997.

De plus, nous désirons remercier de façon spéciale tous les exploitants de patinoires communautaires de leur dévouement et de leur grande contribution au succès de la saison hivernale. Plus de 240 000 amateurs de patinage ont profité des 72 patinoires extérieures de la ville.



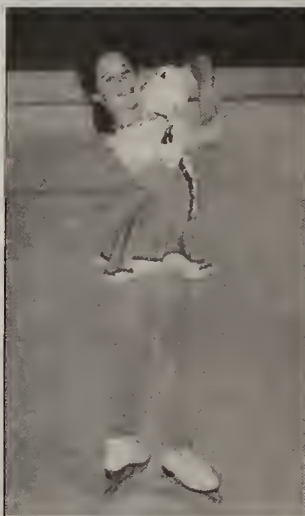
ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Rebecca Pivnick demonstrates winning style

Rebecca Pivnick won her first silver medal in figure skating three months after she started skating and hasn't looked back since. This year alone, she has won nine gold medals and one silver.

The 12-year-old daughter of Heidi and Jonathan Pivnick, Rebecca started skating at age eight. Coached by Mary Yarush at the Nepean Sportsplex, she trains an average of two to three hours a day. During the summer, this increases to five hours daily. And not only is she trained on the ice, she does off-ice conditioning and ballet as part of the program.

Her ultimate accomplishment was becoming the Eastern Ontario Section Juvenile Champion. Rebecca had to skate through a field of 68 competitive skaters ages 10-14. In the end she took the gold and went on to represent the Eastern Ontario section at the All Ontario Championship held in Kitchener. The top 13 girls of the province competed and Rebecca placed an amazing fourth.



Rebecca Pivnick

Her goal is to skate at the novice level so she can go to the Canadian Championship.

JET hires program director

JET has announced the appointment of Shelli Kimmell as a part-time program coordinator.

Shelli comes to JET after many years of involvement in the Jewish community, a commitment she developed growing up in Montreal where both of her parents were active in Jewish community organizations. Shelli worked for the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre for five years as Junior Program Coordinator. She has chaired some of the major fundraisers of the Chavrut Chapter of ORT, and has been very involved with Hillel Academy, serving on the slate of the PTA and as co-president for two years. She still sits on the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, and is a member of

the executive committee. Both Shelli and her husband Steven feel that community involvement is a very important part of their lives, and try hard to pass this feeling on to their three daughters.

Shelli's responsibilities at JET will include coordinating the programs,

developing and implementing fundraisers and being an administrative support to the JET board of directors and its committees.

For more information about JET, its goals and programs or to become involved, call Shelli (726-9125).



Shelli Kimmell

A tribute to Walter Hendelman

By Pearl Greenberg

A weekend Shabbaton was recently sponsored by the Ottawa Reconstructionist Havura in honor of the 60th birthday of its chair, Walter Hendelman.

For those who know Walter there was much more to celebrate than his birthday. His spirit, commitment and quiet charisma have left an indelible mark on many aspects of the Ottawa Jewish community.

Walter and his wife Teena are among the gems we've inherited from Montreal. They arrived in Ottawa in 1968 when Walter took up his position at Ottawa University in the field of Brain Research. He remains in that field along with teaching.



Walter Hendelman

His major achievement in this community has been the establishment of Reconstructionism as a viable religious entity. In so doing, he has created a spiritual home for close to 100 families.

For 10 years he represented the Vaad Ha'R, through its Community Relations Committee, on the Multicultural Committee of the Ottawa Board of Education. He has served as co-chair of both the Soviet Jewry Committee and the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Association of Ethiopian Jewry.

He has been involved for 14 years as co-leader of a tight-knit Chavurah known as "Torah Study Group". Friends and associates are fortunate to have, in Walter, the finest example of "Chaver".

BEI OUR TOWN



Jordana Cox

Wins third prize

Jordana Cox, a Grade 5 student at Temple Israel Religious School, won third prize in the National Bible Contest English Division which took place in Montreal on April 6 and 7.

Jordana is the daughter of John and Lily Cox.

1997 Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory

is now available. If you have not received a copy, please call the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory office at 789-3104. The cost of the directory is \$20.00. If no one is in the office, please leave a message. Thank you.

Bob Chiarelli

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Weizmann Chapter presents Dr. Wilbert Keon

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will hold its first program of 1997 on Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 pm in the Social Room of The Sussex, 40 Boteler Street.

All members and prospective members are invited to hear Dr. Wilbert J. Keon, director general of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, speak on "An Overview of Ottawa's Heart Institute".



Dr. Wilbert Keon

A member of our chapter's honorary council, Keon was the driving force in the development of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute based at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. The Institute has become one of the world's leading academic and health care centres. Renowned for his clinical expertise, Keon developed an excellent teaching program for cardiovascular surgery which has placed graduates in centres world wide;

continued his research into circulatory assist devices, parallel hearts and cardiac transplantation; and was the first Canadian surgeon to implant a total artificial heart as a bridge to transplant.

There is no admission charge to this

program for members of the Ottawa Chapter; non members will be charged \$5.00. Memberships, which are tax deductible, will be available at the door. To ensure adequate seating, RSVP to the office (236-3391).

Poetry Anthology wins National Jewish Book Award

The Jewish Book Awards Committee of Toronto's Koffler Centre of Arts has announced that it has awarded its prize for poetry to *Jerusalem: An Anthology of Jewish Canadian Poetry*, edited by Seymour Mayne and B. Glen Rotchin. The book includes poems by the likes of A.M. Klein, Irving Layton, Seymour Mayne, Sharon H. Neison and Leonard Cohen.

Jerusalem has enchanted and inspired Jewish poets through the ages. Perhaps due to Canada's multicultural heritage, Jewish Canadian poets writing in English have maintained and expressed close ties to Jerusalem in their poems. Over a period of approximately 75 years, these poets have produced a unique body of work about the city, unparalleled in scope and volume in any other English-speaking country.

Co-editor Seymour Mayne is the author, editor or translator of more than 30 books. In 1990 he received the American Translators Association Award and his poetry collection, *Killing Time*, won

the 1994 Jewish Book Committee Prize. His poem, taken from the anthology, is reprinted below.

In Another Time When Bodies Fell

In another time when bodies fell
the sun dried the blood into rust
They fell into earth, earth became rock
Here now we are close together
Jerusalem's hills at their heights
circle themselves like a crown for the sun

Here our voices move into the other's
shadow

And the real shapes of our bodies
like transparent angels
step away beside us

to confer how they will endlessly walk
over the hills and will gather the flowers
of silence

of two thousand years in moist psalms
so other crystal figures may twine out of
marble

out of the monoliths of these temples
out of the rock that is Jerusalem's flesh



A FIRST TASTE OF PESACH: Following their arrival in Israel, a group of boys from the Chernobyl area had their first taste of matzah that they helped bake at the annual Pesach Fair in Kfar Chabad. They will now live in Kfar Chabad where they will receive medical care and go to school. The matzah excursion soon turned into a contest of who could eat the entire matzah fastest!



Promoting Quality of Life
for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
In a Jewish Environment

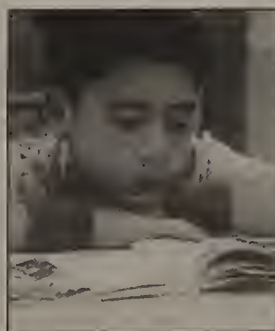
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U.S. Postal Service issues Wallenberg stamp

The U.S. Postal Service paid tribute to Raoul Wallenberg on April 24 when a commemorative postage stamp bearing his likeness was officially issued in a ceremony at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

"... we pay tribute to a man whose efforts on behalf of humanity make him a hero to us all, at a place where we are so vividly reminded of the magnitude of his contribution to mankind," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Born August 4, 1912, an heir of a prominent Swedish banking family, Wallenberg studied architecture at the University of Michigan in the 1930s. In 1944, he was appointed a Swedish special diplomatic envoy to Hungary.

With disregard to his safety, Wallenberg went to Hungary and proceeded to save tens of thousands of Jews from Nazi death camps, primarily by issuing them falsified Swedish passports. Wallenberg is credited with saving 70,000 lives when, by boldly threatening a Nazi general, he prevented the bombing of a Jewish ghetto.

Wallenberg disappeared while on a trip to the Soviet zone and was rumored to have been arrested there. According to documents released in 1991, he died in a Soviet prison on July 17, 1947.

A montage, the stamp features a profile portrait of Wal-



lenberg on the telephone. In the background, a group of Holocaust survivors looks over his shoulder. A Schutzpass, the false passport he often issued, is included in the upper left corner.

Burt Silverman, the designer of the stamp, is an established artist whose work has appeared on the cover of *The New Yorker* magazine.



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Spring in Toronto: a new season for the arts

By Rose Kleiner

Spring in Toronto means theatre, opera and ballet premieres, the annual Jewish Film Festival and other stimulating programs and exhibits. And there are many kosher dining spots offering another opportunity to meet new people.

Toronto is currently hosting the world premiere of *Ragtime the Musical*, based on the best selling novel by E.L. Doctorow. The play is about three remarkable families (one Anglo-Saxon Protestant, one Jewish immigrant and one Harlem black) and is drawing large crowds at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. A play as popular as ever is the musical extravaganza, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at the Elgin Theatre. Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* is now in its eighth year at the Pantages Theatre.

Another musical having its world premiere in Toronto (at the Winter Garden Theatre) is *RSVP Broadway*, the lively comedy that is set in the elegant 1930s era of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

The Canadian Stage Company is showing *Angels in America* until May 30. Also running at The Canadian Stage Company is Stephen Sondheim's *Pastor*, which explores the complexities and myriad forms of love. *Jolson*, the musical, will have its North American premiere at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in June, before going to Broadway. It won the best musical award on London's West End in 1996.

This spring marks the start of the 45th season for the Stratford Festival. Previews start in early May, and the official opening is June 2, with the musical, *Camelot* by Lerner and Loewe. Other plays scheduled this season at the Stratford Festival's three theatres are Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*; Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Richard III* and *Coriolanus*; Sean

O'Casey's *Juno and the Paycock* and Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

The Shaw Festival, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, is showing the immensely popular *Hobson's Choice*, as well as several other plays, among them *The Chocolate Soldier*, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, *The Playboy of the Western World*, *Will Any Gentleman?* and *The Two Mrs. Carrolls*.

Those who wish to spend a day, or more, in the festival towns of Stratford or Niagara-on-the-Lake can find a variety of accommodations. In Stratford, the historic, centrally located Queen's Inn, with its attractive rooms, is walking distance to all three of the Festival theatres. For the Shaw Festival, the White Oaks Inn has spacious rooms and extensive sports facilities for guests to enjoy.

For ballet, the romantic *Tales of the Arabian Nights* will be performed by the National Ballet of Canada, until May 17. The Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Roy Thompson Hall brings Jacques Israelievitch June 12.

Yids in the Hall, a Guilt-Free Night of Jewish Humor, presents a new show every month at Yuk Yuk's International Stand-Up Comedy Superclub. The next program will be on Sunday June 1.

Among the city's many exhibits the works of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch are on view at the Art Gallery of Ontario until May 25. Included with the 59 rare items is the artist's masterpiece, *The Scream*.

Jewish Communities of China: From Kaifeng to Shanghai, an exhibit at the Jewish Museum in the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, chronicles the lives of three Jewish groups in

China - the Sephardic community, those who fled from the Russian Revolution and those who fled from the Nazis. The exhibit continues until June 30.

In the spring Toronto's outdoors are as much an attraction as its indoors. Visitors should not miss the Holocaust Memorial sculpture and garden in Earl Bales Park, just off Bathurst. A new addition near the memorial is the moving sculpture of Raoul Wallenberg, which was unveiled last fall at a ceremony attended by Wallenberg's sister. Both the Holocaust Memorial and the Wallenberg sculpture were created by noted sculptor Ernest Raab, himself a Holocaust survivor.

Toronto has several kosher restaurants serving various kinds of cuisine. In the heart of downtown at the Exchange Tower there is the new Oasis Café and Health Bar. In midtown there are the Chicken Nest, King David Pizzeria, Milk & Honey, Dairy Treats and Marky's Deli. To the north, King Solomon's Table has an extensive buffet, including Chinese food. Another Marky's Deli, Kosher Delights and a new café, Spheres European Coffee House are also in the northern part of the city.


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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Rabbinical student Eliyanah Delicate wants to make a difference

By Leanne Hazon

In order to become a good rabbi, a person needs some special qualities. A love of and commitment to Judaism are essential, as is the ability to intuitively relate to people in all kinds of situations. Family and friends agree that Eliyanah Delicate, 23, has those qualities. The Ottawa native is studying to be a rabbi at Leo Baeck College in London, England.

Delicate, whose parents, Margaret and David, are longstanding members of Temple Israel, developed an interest in becoming a rabbi during high school.

"I was 14, undergoing teenage angst and looking for something to hold onto and a goal to strive for."

That goal stayed with her over the next few years although it wavered along the way. She spent a year in Israel when she was 19, but says as a Reform Jew who wanted to be a rabbi there weren't a lot of outlets for her. She says she also felt pressure as a woman who wanted to be a rabbi. It wasn't until she returned to Canada and spent two years as a teacher at Temple Israel, that she decided to pursue her goal.

"I wasn't sure where I fit in the spectrum of what I wanted to practise. But I absolutely loved teaching and I slowly began to realize that being a rabbi was definitely what I wanted to do. And since I grew up in the Reform movement, I decided that's where I wanted to be."

In her fourth year at Carleton University, Delicate applied to Leo Baeck College, a Reform rabbinical school, and flew to England for interviews.

The school interviewed only eight people and just five were admitted. The program is five years long and intense. And Delicate is also finding London a difficult city to live in. But her mother says if anyone can handle it, her daughter can.

"Eliyanah is very determined and persistent. She's also very spiritual and committed to Judaism. She's wanted to be a rabbi for a long time and I think if anyone can pull it off, she will."

Delicate says the hard work will be worth it. She says she is looking forward to the challenges and rewards that come with being a rabbi.

"You get to touch people's lives in a way that nobody else does in the sense that you can help them own their own moment. For example, marriage, birth, b'nai mitzvot, all the things that make us human that we ritualize in our lives. People need that. It lets them find meaning within Judaism within those moments."

And finding meaning within Judaism is something Delicate has been doing for years. She has been an active member of Temple Israel since she was six years old. Last summer, Delicate led services for a few weeks and, according to Rabbi Steven Garten, she was well received by the congregation.

"I think people were really pleased and

responded well to the personal approach and perspective she took."

While she enjoys leading services, Delicate is particularly interested in education. She says she would enjoy being a rabbi in charge of education at a synagogue because it would allow her to teach people about Judaism. Her long-time friend, Daisy Soderstrom says Delicate's commitment to Judaism and caring personality will make her a great Jewish educator. She thinks Delicate has what it takes to be a good rabbi and teacher.

"I have a learning disability and it took me longer to complete school work but, when we did homework together, Eliyanah was always patient and helpful. Sometimes she would even tell me to dictate my essays to her, and she would type them out for me."

Delicate says she finds great satisfaction in teaching because, "I like that I can help turn on that light inside a child."

Delicate says being a woman and a rabbi will help in her role as a Jewish educator because women bring a unique point of view to the job.

"I'll be a rabbi with a woman's perspective. It's so important to have men and women in the rabbinate because each side, and their congregations, are so much more enriched by the other's outlook."

Delicate is not sure where she'll be working once she's completed her studies, but says she would ultimately like to work in Canada, preferably Ottawa. She says



Eliyanah Delicate

she would enjoy working for a congregation that is just getting started because it would be "fun and worthwhile". But whatever her career as a rabbi holds for her, Delicate is convinced she can make a difference.

"I believe the greatest contribution I can make as a rabbi is to teach children and adults to respect themselves and others from within a Jewish framework. There is nothing better than being able to infuse people with a sense of identity and pride in the family heritage of the Jewish people."



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In the fall of 1996 a Canadian veteran of the Second World War was quoted in *The Ottawa Citizen* as saying that for veterans the war is never really over. If that is true for the victors, how much truer must it be for Holocaust survivors, especially orphaned children whose childhood memories are predominantly the Holocaust.

Yet most child survivors found within themselves reservoirs of strength and resilience that enabled them to grow into adults who contributed to every society in which they settled.

Many settled in Israel, fighting their own demons while at the same time fighting in Israel's wars and helping to build the dynamic, modern society of which we are all so proud.

The following two young adult novels blend historical facts with dramatic fiction to give readers a taste of the role the Yishuv and Israeli rescue operations and youth villages played in rebuilding shattered young lives in the months and years immediately following the Second World War.

After The War

By Carol Matas
Simon & Schuster Books
for Young Readers 1996
116 pages Ages 12 and up

Winnipeg author Carol Matas has written several young adult novels that explore the horrors of anti-Semitism, especially the Holocaust, through the eyes of teenage victims. She is a powerful storyteller who writes gripping dramas full of action, insight and understanding.

In *After the War* Matas vividly explores the next step after survival for 15 year old Ruth Mendenberg, who returns from Buchenwald concentration camp to her native village in Poland only to find anti-Semitism still rife. Where is she to go? What is she to do?

Told as both a first and third person narrative, Matas uses sharp, descriptive language to take her characters from darkness to light physically and emo-

tionally. Notice how Matas mirrors Ruth's inner states with the various physical settings.

Out of desperation Ruth joins Brichah, the Jewish underground illegally smuggling survivors to Palestine. As one of the older children Ruth becomes one of the leaders for a youth group that has to move out fast and must depend, in the main, on the children helping one another to overcome internal nightmares and external dangers. That they succeed is a triumph of their own passion, desperation, resourcefulness and the power of feeling wanted and needed. *After The War* is realistic high drama at its best.

Under the Domim Tree

By Gila Almagor
Translated from Hebrew by Hillel Schenker
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 1995
164 pages Ages 12 and up

Originally published in Hebrew in 1992, *Under the Domim Tree* is a sensitive, compelling coming of age story that continues the more general storyline of orphaned young Holocaust survivors in Israel.

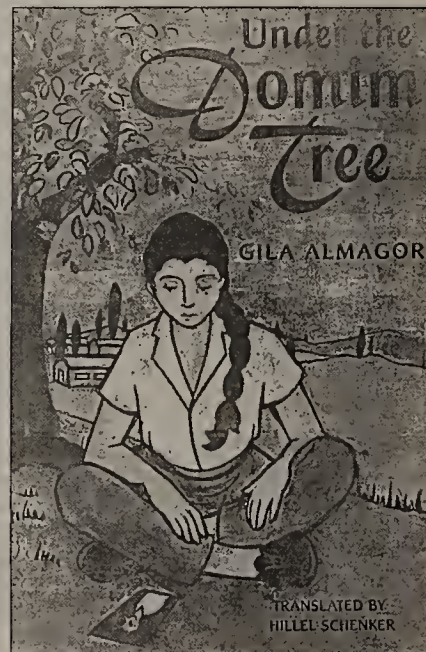
Based on Gila Almagor's own experience of growing up in Hadassim youth village, the story takes place in a fictionalized youth village, Udim, in 1953. Its themes are the individual struggle of survivors to find peace of mind and the redemptive powers of their new land and the youth collective.

Most of the students at Udim, including two of the three main protagonists - Yola and Mira - are orphaned survivors from Poland. The third, Aviya - the storyteller and Almagor's alter ego - is a Sabra whose own tragedy reveals the impact of the Holocaust on a second generation.

Absorbing and deeply moving *Under the Domim Tree* uses the debate that took place in Israel over accepting German reparations as the springboard for controversy among the youngsters in the youth village and for a reprehensible couple's motivation to reclaim Mira as their daughter three years after she'd fled their abuse.

Slowly emerging stories of horror and loss are balanced by details of daily communal life, first love, longings for privacy and beauty, shared happiness and amazing acts of generosity.

Dark dry humor, as in the "pregnancy parade" of diaries under pajama tops, contrasts sharply with compelling enact-



From *Under the Domim tree*

ments of madness and obsession. Especially poignant are several scenes in which either the whole community or the dorm group identifies with an individual's plight in an all-for-one and one-for-all spirit that is rare and remarkable.

Because the male characters are totally overshadowed by the female characters I recommend this book primarily for female readers.



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Caramel Apple Pie

Pastry for a double crust pie
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
2/3 cup sugar
3 tbsp flour
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp lemon juice
dash of salt
6 cups thinly sliced, peeled apples
10 or 20 caramels, cut in half
Half & half, light cream, or milk

Prepare crust. On lightly floured surface, roll out half of the pastry to form a 12" circle. Fit into a 9" pie plate. Trim even with the rim of pie plate.

For top crust, roll out remaining dough. Set aside.

For crumb mixture, combine the brown sugar, 1/3 cup flour and melted butter or margarine. Mix well and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar, 3 tbsp flour, cinnamon, lemon juice and salt. Add the apples and toss to coat. Transfer half of the apple mixture to the pastry-lined pie plate. Top with half of the crumb mixture. Top with all of the caramels. Repeat layers with apples and crumb mixture. Cut slits in top crust. Adjust top crust. Seal and flute the edges (extremely important or else

caramel mixture leaks all over). Brush crust with the half & half. Cover with foil. Bake in a 375° oven for 25 minutes. Remove the foil and bake 20 to 25 minutes longer. Serve warm.

Cranberry Spiced Tart

(like a Linzertorte, but with cranberry filling)

1 1/4 cups flour
3/4 cup finely chopped almonds
2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon
pinch ground cloves
2 egg yolks
1/4 tsp almond extract
1 1/2 sticks butter, softened
6 cups fresh cranberries
1/4 cup cold water
1/2 stick butter, cut into 4 pieces

For crust: In large bowl of electric mixer, combine flour, almonds, 1/4 cup sugar, cinnamon and cloves. On medium speed, beat in yolks and almond extract until just blended. Add butter; mix just until butter is combined, about 2 minutes. On a lightly floured surface, shape dough into a flattened round. In a 9 or 10" tart pan with removable bottom or 9" inch pie plate, place about 3/4 of the dough; press into bottom and sides. Dough should be 1/4" thick. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Cut reserved dough into 8 equal portions. On a lightly floured surface, using floured bands, roll each piece into a 10-inch long, 1/4" thick rope; roll each onto a flat baking sheet. Refrigerate, covered with plastic wrap until firm, about 1 hour.

For filling: In a large non-aluminium saucepan, combine cranberries, remaining 3/4 cups sugar and 1/4 cup water. Over medium-high heat bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer until cranberries are soft, about 15 minutes. Add butter, stirring until melted. Cool to room temperature.

Assemble: Preheat oven to 350°. Fill pastry crust with cooled cranberry mixture. Arrange 4 reserved pastry ropes across pie, spaced evenly; place 4 remaining pastry ropes across pie in opposite direction, forming a lattice. Bake until pastry is golden and filling is bubbling, about 30 to 40 minutes. Serve at room temperature.



Peach Crumb Pie

1 baked pie crust

Filling:

7 peaches, peeled, pitted and sliced 3/4" thick
1/3 to 1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp cornstarch
3 tbsp fresh lime juice
2 tbsp fresh orange juice

Topping:

1 cup plus 2 tbsp flour
1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp light brown sugar (lightly packed)
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
1 stick plus 2 tbsp unsalted butter, chilled, cut into 10 pieces

Preheat oven to 400°.

For the topping, place the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a food processor and process for several seconds to mix. Add the butter and pulse until butter is completely mixed in and the topping forms large moist clumps. Set aside.

Place the peaches, granulated sugar, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Dissolve the cornstarch in the lemon and orange juices and pour over fruit. Toss with a spoon and pour fruit into the pie shell. Set aside.

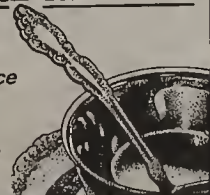
Sprinkle topping mixture evenly over the fruit. Cover the edge of the crust with aluminium foil. Place pie on a cookie sheet on centre rack of oven. Bake for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and continue baking until pie juices are bubbling and begin to drip onto the cookie sheet, about 1 hour longer. Remove the pie from the oven and carefully remove the foil. Cool on a rack for several hours before serving.

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Mazal Tov to Aaron Kardish on his scholarship and acceptance to the University of Monterey, Mexico by Reesa Shinder.

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In memory of Philip Polonsky by Leslie Shinder.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather Max Speisman by Zelaïne and Sol Shinder.

Wishing Dr. Irwin Pressman a *r'tuah sh'lemah* by Zelaïne and Sol Shinder.

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Mazal Tov to aunt Sue Slack on her special birthday by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson; and by Bonnie, Jim, Stacie, Adam and Noah Carroll.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH FUND

Wishing Jack and Linda Smith and family a happy and healthy Passover by Clair and Julius Krantzberg and family.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved mother and grandmother Leah Steinberg, 28th Iyar, by Claire Kevanstein and Sharon Harris.

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RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Ethel and David Malek on the engagement of their son Michael to Andrea Steinberg by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taller.

Best wishes to Sue Rothman on her birthday by Mary and Issie Farber and family.

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Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. M. Kernzer and family on the birth of their daughter Dahlia by Bill and Phyllis Leith, Jordan and Laurie, David and Lisa.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kent on their 40th wedding anniversary by Liyan and Horace Philipp.

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MONDAY, MAY 5	TUESDAY, MAY 6	WEDNESDAY, MAY 7	THURSDAY, MAY 8	FRIDAY, MAY 9	SATURDAY, MAY 10	SUNDAY, MAY 11
<p>Tiny Treasures Nursery School Open House for 4 year old Kindergarten, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Hillel Lodge Auxiliary Golden Age Luncheon, Hillel Lodge, 125 Wurlenburg St. 12 noon</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Band Practice, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Yiddish Hour, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Shir-Am, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon</p> <p>Israel Program Centre Volunteers for Israel, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Congregation Lehrhaus, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Machzikei Hadas Congregation Sisterhood Executive Meeting, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Akiva High School Annual Open House, Akiva High School, 881 Broadview, 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hadassah-WIZD Medical Services Dinner and Auction, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Temple Israel Lecture: Rabbi Hank Shirball, speaking on Jewish Pluralism in Israel, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Talmud Torah Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 8:02 PM</p>		<p>Jewish Community Centre/Israel Program Centre Yom Hazikaron, Agudath Israel Congregation, 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre/Israel Program Centre, Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Israeli Shuk, Agudath Israel Congregation, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tiny Tots Nursery School Grand Raffle Draw, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 11:00 a.m.</p>
MONDAY, MAY 12	TUESDAY, MAY 13	WEDNESDAY, MAY 14	THURSDAY, MAY 15	FRIDAY, MAY 16	SATURDAY, MAY 17	SUNDAY, MAY 18
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Condolences are extended to the family of: Robert Slipacoff, Sarnia May his memory be a blessing.

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